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Duke of York is part of human chain to save royal art treasures



Job action demanded by Labour

By Nicholas Wood POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS were under renewed pressure last night to intensify their efforts to promote economic recovery after Labour predicted that failing swift action 250,000 more jobs would be lost this winter. Amid the political fallout

from Thursday's an-nouncement of nearly 10,000 redundancies on the railways and in the finance and construction industries, Opposition members accused John Major of failing to appreciate the scale of the threat to employment.

John Smith, the Labour leader, said trade wars and the recession threatened a downward spiral into a global slump. It was astonishing that the prime minister had not used Britain's European Community presidency to put recovery. growth and jobs at the top of its European agenda.

He was speaking after Opposition calls in the Commons for a ministerial statement on British Rail's decision to axe 5,000 jobs.

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Gatt farm deal lifts threat of trade war

By GEORGE BROCK AND MARTIN FLETCHER

EUROPE and America last night broke their two-year deadlock over farm subsidies with a deal that lifts the threat of a transatlantic trade war and brings hope of a massive boost to world economies.

The two sides will now present their farm support deal to the 108 states of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) in Geneva and attempt to wrap up a treaty to liberalise world trade

before the spring.
Negotiators, who finalised
the accord by telephone after
two days of talks in Washington, said they had resolved their differences on the main issues and had "full expectation" that the breakthrough would provide the impetus necessary to complete the Uru-guay Round. "A trade war has been averted." Frans Andriessen, the EC's external affairs

commissioner said. John Major described the accord as "the single most important trade deal the world has ever seen". It was "quite literally the best possible news we could have had for industry, commerce, the consumer. free trade and for the prospect

Hopes rose of a huge boost to the world economy with a Gatt deal laboriously hammered out in Washington. But strains within the EC will not go away, with France threatening to veto the accord

of secure and worthwhile jobs in the future." President Bush, who telephoned Mr Major to thank him for his "key role" he had played as EC president in keeping the talks going when they seemed on the brink of collapes, said the agreement to begin reducing farm subsidies was "fundamental to spurring economic growth and spur-ring jobs at home and all around the world. We have avoided a possible trade war and that is very, very

America had threatened to impose a 200 per cent import tax on \$300 million of European products, mostly French wine, if the dispute were not settled by December 5. Carla Hills, the US trade representative, observed last night that the threat had had "a therapeutic effect" and said she now hoped that Gatt negotiators would return to Geneva early next week and aggressively

important."

pursue a deal between now and Christmas. Gatt officials in Geneva also expressed the hope that the Uruguay Round of talks could be relaunched and said they would be calling a meeting of the Gatt trade



regotiations committee, although they did not say when.

While Mr Bush and John Major hailed the agreement, the French agriculture minister, Jean-Pierre Soisson, sounded a note of discord when he said that conditions defined by the French government had not been fulfilled. "At first I cannot accept it." he said, adding that France would ask the European Commission to report on whether the deal was compatible with

mon agricultural policy. The Commission, which negotiates international trade agreements on behalf of the 12 EC governments, approved the package at a special meeting last night and Jacques Delors, who chaired the meeting, raised no objection. Ray MacSharry, the EC's negotiator, said that the deal agreed imposed no cuts on Europe's farmers beyond those already agreed and con-

last May's reform of the com-

solidated the CAP reform. In fact, the deal came within reach after the Americans made surprisingly large concession to settle the dispute over Europe's subsidised ex-Continued on page 10, col 3

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six years ago. Christopher Lloyd, surveyor

said last night.

Wessex regional health authority said it took "an extremely serious view" of his conduct and set conditions for his return. A senior consultant is to be appointed as his mentor and he must meet nursing and other staff to rebuild relationships" and to

receive training in pain relief. Dr Cox wanted time to consider his position, and has been given to November 30.

Queen joins rescue as fire rages at Windsor Castle of the Queen's pictures, was taken to hospital with a sus-

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The restoration bill, likely to

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By Alan Hamilton

MORE than 200 firefighters and 35 appliances were last night still bartling to contain a blaze which severely damaged the structure and interiors of the state apartments at Windsor Castle and at one stage threatened one of the world's greatest art collections.

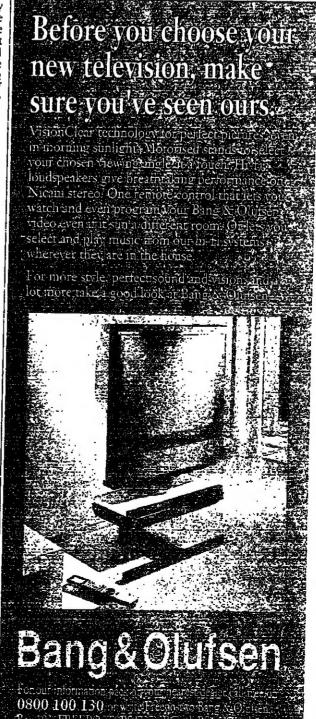
The Queen joined castle staff, workmen and an army detachment in stripping the world's oldest inhabited castle of its priceless collection of art treasures as flames engulied the north-east corner of the Upper Quadrangle, bringing down most of the roof, part of an outside wall and seriously weakening the structure.

Seven hours after the fire started it had flared up again and, according to one eye witness, was spreading towards the north-east end of the castle complex. The fire brigade said it was not spreading and was being contained by fire fighters at the scene. As dusk fell last night smoke

and flames continued to leap into the night sky, lighting up the mock-Gothic banlements. By early evening, firefighters were satisfied that the blaze had been contained and that there was little danger of it spreading to the private apartments or other parts of the castle. But the damage was considerably greater than that at Hampton Court in the fire

Doctor can go back to work Dr NIGEL Cox. the hospital

consultant convicted of the attempted murder of a terminally ill patient, is to be allowed to return to work in the new year, his employers



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Mother, 18, took dead baby home

BY RONALD FAUX

A TEENAGE mother who was allowed by a Liverpool maternity hospital to take home the body of her stillborn BUTING THE TIMES OVERSEAS

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But without the support of relatives or social workers she became agitated and hysterical and telephoned for help to her foster mother, who had cared for the girl from the age of 12 until she was 16.

The foster mother found the child's body dressed in clothes

and shawl lying in the crib the girl had prepared for it. The woman, who asked not to be named, said yesterday: "It is the most horrendous thing I have heard in my life. It is totally inhumane for a girl to fondle and change a dead

When she got to the flat the girl was hysterical, she said, and the only person with her was a younger boy who was not her boyfriend. The girl had said she had pleaded with Mill Road maternity hospital to allow her to bring the baby home, and had been told to

return the body the next day. Sue Williams, acting director of midwifery at the hospital, refused to comment on the individual case, but said it was

policy to treat every mother individually and to allow them to grieve for as long as they wished in any way they chose. "It is only human to want to see your child before it is taken away from you," she said. "Many mothers prefer to

grieve at home. "It is a very personal choice. The importance of grieving is now well recognised, and people are encouraged to see the baby in hospital when it has died. If they wish, they can bathe and clothe the child. It is their only memory, and we try to make that as precious as possible," she said.

The hospital in the city centre is an NHS trust run jointly with the Liverpool maternity hospital in Oxford

Street. The two hospitals deliver 7,000 babies a year. Mersey regional health authority commented: "It is now generally accepted that mothers can be helped to come to terms with the death by being encouraged to bond with their child."

Liverpool maternity hospital trust said that the mother was 18 and had not been sent home alone. A spokesman said: "When she left the hospital she was accompanied by her boyfriend; they travelled in his car."

Liverpool social services said: "The young woman was given support at the hospital and at home. It was her choice to take the child home, and social services supported her in

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Press protest: journalists demonstrating at the Duily Mirror offices in London yesterday against the "dismissal" of casual workers

Job creation projects may be started

By ROBERT MORGAN PARLIAMENTARY STAFF

THE government is considering setting up a trial workfare. scheme under which the jobless are paid to do statesponsored work if they give uptheir unemployment pay.
Making the announcement

in the Commons yesterday. Patrick McLoughlin, the employment minister, said the government was sceptical about the American-style measure and anached greater importance to training. But it "was considering the possi-

bility" of a pilot scheme. The statement followed a demand by Ralph Howell (C. Norfolk North), who has been pushing plans for a scheme for

BY RICHARD HOPE

ZERO investment is the watchword

at British Rail headquarters as 5.000

disastrous year. London Transport

has also been hit by plunging reve-

nues and a Tube strike looms over

5.000 more job losses. ironically, rail investment hit record levels this year, with BR and

LF each spending around £1 billion.

But both programmes are heading for oblivion, with few if any new

Privatisation plans for BR assume

that new trains will be bought by the

private sector. But there is minimal

interest in such long-term commit-

ments with no guaranteed customer.

The Underground, struggling to over-

contracts in prospect.

BR predicts more lay-offs as unions prepare to strike

BY MICHAEL DYNES TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Rail forecast a further round of redundancies yesterday, as rail union leaders. began preparations for a series of 24-hour strikes in protest at the 5,000 job losses announced on Thursday, BR

said that more redundancies over the next two years would be unavoidable unless demand for rail services increased.

Derrick Pullick, general secretary of Aslei, the train drivers' union, forecast "a series of 24-hour strikes by the public sector" and warned that job losses would be followed by cuts in services, line closures and higher fares, John Nel-

Less rail cash means less safety -

come decades of neglect and under-

spending, saw its investment plans

slashed by a third in the Chancellor's

says that the cuts "will mean worsen-

ing service quality to maintain safe-

ty". There is more irony here, for it

was the outery over rail safety after

the King's Cross and Clapham trage-

dies that led to hugely increased

spending on safety. BR puts the figure at £600 million over three

It did not stop there. Before Clapham. BR staff had been drop-

ping steadily at around 3 per cent a

year as efficiency improved. In 1990-

2. staff increased by 4,000 while

traffic fell away because of tighter

safety rules. The same happened on

years: LT has spent no less.

Autumn Statement.

Network SouthEast, said that strike action would be an "illconsidered prospect and a potentially extremely damaging response, and one which I do not believe would be fitting in the circumstances"

The effects of BR's financial difficulties are becoming increasingly serious. Mr Nelson conceded that Network South-East faced "an extremely difficult funding position".

Had it not been for the recession and the collapse in receipts from passenger fares, down by 10 per cent over the past four years. BR would have been in the middle of a modernisation drive which would have transformed the image and performance of the

railways. Just as it started to gear up for its biggest investment programme in three decades, the recession struck. When the investment pro-

gramme was drawn up. BR faced the dual task of catering for a big increase in demand for commuter services and the need to replace antiquated rolling stock and track equipment that had accumulated from two decades of neglect.

Although recession has meant that BR no longer faces the pressing need to expand capacity, it has also meant that rail managers are saddled with increasing amounts of obsolete equipment, and little or no prospect of finding the monév to replace it. Those lines fortunate

the Tube. Operating costs soared

Safety spending has not caused the

twin crises which have hit BR and LT.

finances and weakened their ability

to ride out the recession. It has also

exposed as naïve the government's

belief that London, alone among the

world's great cities, could run com-

It is freight, however, that is threatened with something close to

collapse. The order had gone out that

all "unprofitable" freight must be

eliminated by March 31 so that

various businesses such as Trainload

Yet the privatisation white paper

published in July said that Railtrack,

which will own the track, "will be

Coal could be put up for sale.

under the twin pressures.

muter trains at a profit.

and some line closures.

expected to make a return on its

assets and to charge [train] operators

for the use of its track". This would be

certain death for most freight trains.

secretary, has only weeks to decide

whether the much touted environ-

mental benefits of rail justify subsidy

in the form of minimal charges for

track use, plus measures to help the

And it is on the roads that the real threat to safety lies. The figures will

never be separated from other road

casualties, but hundreds will die and

tens of thousands will be maimed for

life if political dogma triumphs over

what, to most people, looks like

☐ Richard Hope is Consultant Editor of Railway Gazette

switch from lorries to trains.

common sense.

enough to be first on the list of modernisation schemes, such

as the east coast mainline, the

Chiltern line and the Kent

Link mutes, have been trans-

formed. Those further down

the list, including the west

coast mainline, the Kent coast

routes and the London, Til-

bury and Southend line,

Network SouthEast must

replace 60 per cent of its

signalling systems and relay

an estimated 2.500 miles of

track over the next 15 years.

Rail engineers fear that these

targets can no longer be met.

Large areas of the South East

could face speed restrictions

slipped off the agenda.

Lifetime in banking proves worthless

Lin Jenkins meets one of the new breed of financial executives swelling the dole queues

lan Hampson can smile at A the irony of his situation. After a career spent advising others on how to manage their money, he now has all day to organise his own reduced funds. As one of about 200 people who lost their jobs at the Royal Bank of Scotland before Thursday's announce ment of 3,500 more job cuts over five years. Mr Hampson has had time to reflect on the abrupt end of a career he

believed was for life. When he entered banking 34 years ago he assumed he would remain until retire-ment. With two children at university and another yet to go, he did not expect it to end at the age of 51. "They call it early refirement, but I regard myself as unemployed. I still want to work until I am 60, but there have been 50,000 iobs lost in the finance industry in the last two years and they are all after the job I am after," he said from his home in Orpington. Kent.

Mr Hampson, like many of the new breed of white-collar unemployed, was surprised when the recession hit the banking profession. When he started in a Manchester branch of a small bank which was to become the Royal Bank of Scotland, there was no prospect of losing your post, unless you were caught with your fingers in the till. "You always thought it was a secure job and a source of new ones. Banks always took school leavers. Now where will they go?"

U nemployment happened to some clients, but not to himself or his friends. "I can remember the last of the cotton mills going and people being out of work. It was always blue-collar workers who lost their jobs, indeed there was an awareness among them that they might find themselves unemployed somewhere during their life. What is different this time is been hit. To someone like me it is a cultural shock. I have never been out of work for a single day in my life."

His work in the South East of England brought him in little contact with people facing unemployment when the traditional smoke stack industries went into decline. "There were some who lost their jobs when smaller engineering companies went in the knockon. But this part of the country was untouched by it all, until we began to see it in the

construction industry." Mr Hampson's last position was assistant manager at a branch in central London. handling securities. Some of his customers were investing their redundancy payments. 'At the DSS they call me sir because I wear a tie and can fill in a form without any help. It is a different class of people

who are jobless now," he said. Mr Hampson is determined to find work, but his first venture into an employment agency last Monday was not encouraging. "Very politely, when they heard I used to be in a bank, they ushered me to the door without so much as taking my name."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Navy aids Customs in £30m drug swoop

Customs officers vesterday seized 10 tonnes of cannabis with a street value of about £30 million, the biggest haul for several years, in a raid on a British-registered oil rig support vessel in the North Sea, Customs and Excise said, Investigators arrested six people after boarding the Britannia Gazelle about 170 miles east of Newcastle.

It is understood that the vessel had been under surveillance for several weeks and that officers were continuing to search for two tonnes of cocaine - with a street value of about £200 million — thought to be hidden on board The raid, carried out with the help of the Royal Navy fisheries protection vessel HMS Shetland, came after co-operation with foreign customs officers. Sir Brian Unwin, chairman of Customs and Excise, said: "This is a major seizure of a huge amount of cannabis after a long and skilful operation."

Stabbed gunman flees

An armed man who shot a jeweller in a shop in Brighton, East Sussex, yesterday was forced to flee after being stabbed in the stomach by a shop assistant. Police said it was believed that the assistant stabbed the attacker with a jeweller's file or similar object and that he fled, bleeding heavily. It was not known last night whether anything was stolen during the attack at a shop in The Lanes. The Jeweller, who was shot in the arm, was taken to the Royal Sussex County Hospital in the town.

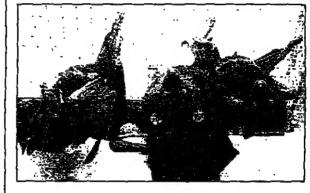
Student accuses doctor

A German student broke down in tears at the Old Bailey yesterday as she told of her shame after an alleged sexual attack by a Harley Street gynaecologist. Miss C, aged 20, told the jury at the Central Criminal Court that she had gone to Dr Thomas Courtney's premises hoping for a Saturday job. Dr Courtney, aged 46, from Cricklewood, north London, has denied indecently assaulting the student. raping two other women at his surgery and indecently assaulting a fourth. The trial was adjourned until Monday.

Hoaxer assaults baby

A woman posing as a social worker talked her way into a young mother's home and indecently assaulted her 10-month-old baby. A letter naming the child and saying that a social worker would call over allegations that the baby had been given drugs was delivered to the house four days before the incident in Nelson. Lancashire. The woman pushed past the 21-year-old mother into the house after accusing her of glue sniffing and carried out what police said was an indecent examination on the baby.

Rarest bats fly in



Six of the world's rarest bats - Livingstone's fruit, which has a 6ft wingspan - have been captured by a team from Bristol University and taken to Jersey Zoo to start a breeding programme. The bats, above, survive on only one island, Anjouan in the Comoros, but the researchers will have to return for more because they brought back only one female.

Freedom plea fails

Lorrain Osman. Britain's longest-serving unconvicted prisoner, yesterday failed in his ninth attempt to avoid extradition to Hong Kong for trial on fraud charges. Two High Court judges refused to grant a writ of habeas corpus to free him from Brixton prison seven years after his arrest, saying that he had produced no fresh evidence.

Setback to extradition

A tape recording in which Roderick Newall, 27, is alleged to have confessed to murdering his parents has been ruled inadmissible in an extradition hearing in Gibraltar. Judge Pizzarello ruled that Mr Newall, in a taped conversation with relatives at a hotel near Perth, "made no admission to murder". The case has been adjourned until Wednesday.

Residue in organic food

Up to a quarter of bread, bran, flour and potatoes produced organically and supposed to be untouched by man-made chemicals contains pesticide residues, according to a government report issued yesterday. Conventionally grown food is twice as likely to have them, the report says. Organic food residues are thought to arise from spraying in storage.

Table lists non-existent school

BY JOHN O'LEARY **EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT**

MORE errors in the government's examination tables were discovered yesterday, including an entry for a nonexistent school.

John Patten, the education secretary, faced fresh embarrassment over details for East Gate School, Nottingham. Fred Riddell, Nottinghameducation chairman. said: "We have never had a school by that name." The school was credited with the results from William Crane Comprehensive School at Aspley. Nottingham, which

was missed out. Parliament Hill School, in the London borough of Camden. was shown to have no Alevel passes when its average points score was 12.3.

Manchester High School for Girls, which threatened legal action after its 100 per cent record for pupils scoring five or more top GCSE grades was registered as 16 per cent, received an apology from Eric

Forth, the schools minister. A faulty computer disc issued by the department led to Norfolk and North Yorkshire's entries being trans-

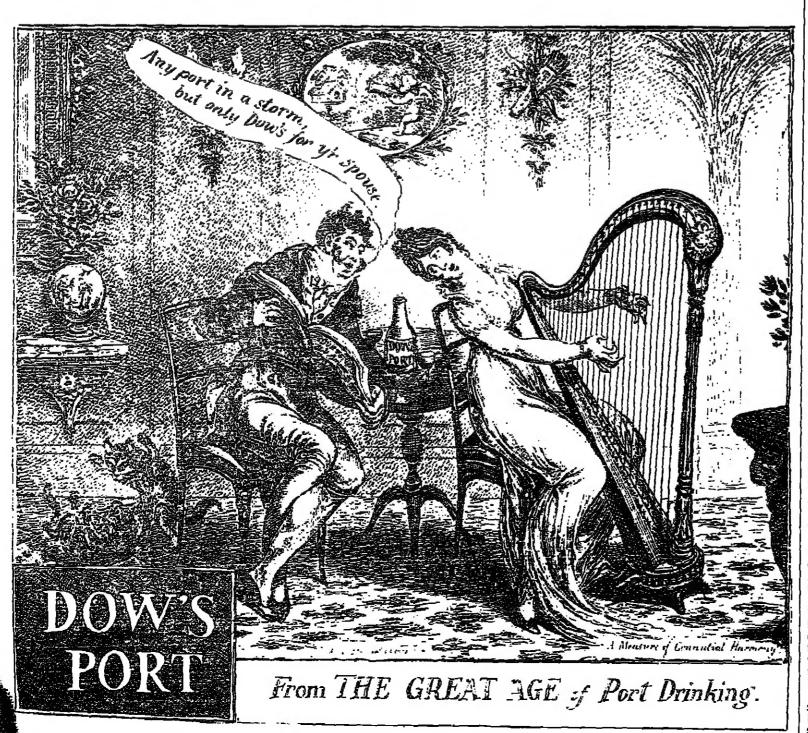
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supplement of Thursday's Times. Seven Wolverhampton schools listed here were omitted from the School Report tables due to a technical error. La Retraite School, in Salisbury, Wiltshire, was also omitted from the government's lists. All the school's 37 GCSE

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per cent of them at A-C grades. The tables for Holyrood School at Chard, Somerset, showed 6 per cent of pupils achieving five or more A-C passes at GCSE instead of 46.9 per cent.

> Simon Jenkins, page 14 Letters, name !5



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Dozens of firefighters took only ten minutes to reach the castle but by then a human chain of estate workers was already bringing out priceless treasures

BY STEWART TENDLER

A THIN trickle of white smoke rising in the late morning air above the grey towers and walls of Windsor Castle yesterday heralded the beginning of a blaze that sent flames leaping high over the

Negly.

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Within minutes, the smoke turned from white to black and then began to billow as the first of several hundred firemen from five brigades arrived. They found hastily formed human chains of estate and castle workers already trying to prevent catastrophe and rescue treasures.

The fire began in the Queen's private chapel near the basement of the Bruns-wick Tower where refurbishing work was under way. It spread rapidly.

Dean Landsdale, who was

injured as he helped to retrieve paintings, said he and col-leagues heard a shout of "fire" and then saw the chapel was an interno with curtains on

fire and walls burning.
"We dragged paintings into
the gallery. I pulled three or
four out with other people,
then I touched one and felt my hands burning," he said.

David Palmer, a carpenter, was working in the Grand Vestibule on the first floor when the fire began. He said: "Somebody called for a fire extinguisher to put out a small fire. We went into St George's Hall with the extinguishers and we could see the fire was going to take hold any minute. It just burst through from the chapel area and the lads working there carried out the paintings which had been moved off the walls."

The alarm was raised at 11.37am and by 11.48am ten fire engines were on the scene.

By then the fire could be seen from outside the castle.

Phillip Price, 50, who works in the a gift shop near Castle Hill said: "I thought it was a bonfire on the other side of the castle. Next time I looked, it was the height of the tower. There was masses of smoke and flames the height of the building, which is very high indeed."

St George's Hall, where the Queen holds state banquets, was one of the last sections of the castle to be renovated during a five-year project. Roger Carter, chairman of Berkshire County Council's environment committee, said: "It was due to be handed over shortly but I fear that a great many art treasures had al-ready been put back in place. This is a tragedy for the Queen and the country."

Within the castle grounds a

lone Gurkha guardsman, standing rigidly to attention with his rifle, remained unmoved as emergency services and journalists rushed all around him. Lorryloads of Life Guards arrived to join the result operation, and estate rescue operation and estate workers hurried to the castle in green lorries.

The main quadrangle of the castle was filled with fire engines. A 60st long carpet lay rolled up in plastic sheeting that had been placed on the grass. Hundreds of planks were littered around the grass

Human chains passed furniture out into Engine Court and the yard became littered with ornate sofas, cabinets and lampstands. Some items were loaded immediately into removal vans but others had to be left to stand in the damp



Source of the blaze: firemen aim a jet of water at the roof of the Queen's private chapel, where the fire started

By 12.12pm, the firemen were struggling and the number of appliances had gone up to 20. By 2.20pm, there were 35 appliances and men had been called from Surrey, Buckinghamshire, London and Oxfordshire. Fire investigation teams, including scientists from the government's

research unit at Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, were Firemen on a hydraulic platform stood ready to douse

tongues of flame that occasionally flickered above the roof of the Brunswick Tower. The whole of the roof appeared to be alight at one stage. The flames were beaten back by the powerful water jet but then seemed to catch hold

Thick smoke continued to pour from the slit windows in the tower as darkness ap-proached. Fire engines formed a circle around the perimeter of the courtyard.

where large plastic sheets were laid to protect the rescued furnishings and art works. Workmen wearing white

hats rested on piles of paintings, exhausted as they tried to save all the endangered valuable treasures. Piles of silverware lay on the ground as staff artefacts out of the building.

Viola Pemberton-Piggott said: "Work was going on in the area where the fire was. It was being rewired and the paintings had been taken down. I think they were stacked against the walls so it wasn't a question of getting them down, it was just a question of carrying them out. We are hoping that nothing precious has been damaged. There are Rembrandts, Van Dycks and lots of other paintings."

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Damage may exceed **Hampton Court blaze**

By JOHN YOUNG

THE damage to Windsor Castle is thought likely to exceed that caused to another royal palace, Hampton Court. in a disastrous fire in 1986. Like Hampton Court, the castle is not covered by conventional insurance but by gov-ernment indemnity, which means that the taxpayer will face the bill for restoration.

The fire that guited state apartments at Hampton Court is thought to have been caused by an overturned candle in a grace-and-favour apartment occupied by an elderly resident who died in the blaze. Most of the furniture and paintings were saved.

but the roof fell in, wrecking the interior, and thousands of gallons of water used to put out the blaze soacked the building. Restoration took six years and cost more than £10 million. The apartments were reopened by the Queen only four and a half months ago. English Heritage, the gov-

ernment's advisory body, is expected to play a leading role in assessing damage to the castle and recommending how to repair it. John Thorneycroft, of English Heritage, said: "I am sure it will be some time before we can agree on what sort of strategy should be brought into play."

The Queen helps staff to rescue treasures

Continued from page ! private chapel by picture restorers packing paintings for storage. Within three hours the adjoining St George's Hall, the scene of magnificent gutted and its fine timber roof largely collapsed.

The Queen, who arrived in mid-afternoon while stames were still leaping from the roof of her traditional weekend home, was said to be "urterly devastated". One of her staff said: "She feels as you would feel if you arrived to find your home on fire."
After talking to fire officers in the Quadrangle among a confusion of fire appliances, ambulances, hoses and turntable ladders, she went to her private apartments and helped staff to take pictures from the walls and personal effects from her rooms.

One of the first on the scene was the Duke of York, who had been engaged in research work for his army staff college course in another part of the castle. The castle's volunteer fire brigade were attempting to tackle the blaze as appliances raced rowards Windsor from Berkshire. Buckinghamshire and London.

The Duke helped to co-ordinate the rescue by the castle's 300 staff and contractors to remove carpets, paintings, porcelain and other works of art from rooms near by. He and helpers managed to strip the Waterloo Chamber of most of its moveable contents in 30 minutes.

The Duke later spoke of a magnificent effort to save the contents, and said that only six or eight paintings ap-peared to have been lost, all of them in the private chapel.

where Queen Victoria worshipped and where genera-tions of the royal family have been christened, confirmed or

At least three people were injured during the fire fight-ing, none of them seriously. There was no indication last night of the cause of the fire. However, that area of the castle is undergoing renovation and rewiring work.



Royal concern: the Queen hears the latest news from firemen tackling the blaze at the castle

THE SUNDAY TIMES Dubcek when the **Soviets** stormed in

A young civilian was killed in front of our eyes. At about 9am, seven or eight Soviet paratroopers and one or two officers burst



into my office. It was like an armed robbery. I moved towards a phone on my desk; one of the soldiers aimed his gun at me, grasped the phone and tore the cable out of the wall . . . 9

Alexander Dubcek, in the first exclusive extract from his autobiography, Hope Dies Last – in The Sunday Times

Greatest art collection in world could be damaged

By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

THE collapse of Christopher Lloyd, keeper of the Queen's pictures, spoke volumes. On hearing of the fire he rushed to Windsor from his office at Buckingham Palace, but on arrival he collapsed with a suspected heart attack and grand rooms". was taken to hospital.

The art collections at Windsor Castle are among the richest in the world. In the state apartments there are royal family portraits by the score: Charles II by Van Dyck, Queen Charlotte by Benjamin West, various princes by John Copley. Aesthetic relief is provided by a pair of views of Venice by Canaletto. Mount-ed porcelain, lavish French furniture, tapestries and ar-

mour abound. Were the fire to have extended into the Royal Library, which forms a dog's leg off the state apartments, thousands of priceless drawings by Leonardo da Vinci and Holbein might have gone up in smoke. As Sir Roy Strong, former director of the Victoria and Albert Museum said, the Queen's collection is the greatest in the world, and the greatest concentration is at Windsor. The fire, he added. could be "one of the great national heritage tragedies of

this century". Philippa Glanville, a curator at the V&A. who used to

work in the royal library at Windsor, said: This fire looks much worse than that at Hampton Court. It has struck at the heart of the monarchy, what with this concentration of artworks and all these

Witnesses reported ment-bers of staff forming human chains to pass out precious



Lloyd: taken to hospital after collapse

vases, ancient books, paintings and candelabra to safety, while the courtyard outside filling with works of art.

the state apartments was Many of the major movable works were understood to have been taken from their

usual places during the rewir-

ing programme. Some paint-

ings had recently been in a

touring exhibition. The greatest fears were for the decorative works of art that form the fabric of the building and cannot be moved. Those include ornate wood carvings in the King's Dining Room by Grinling Gibbons (1648-1720), master carver to King Carved in the form of

exquisite flowers, fruit and ame, often strung together n garlands and lestoo work was described by Horace Walpole, Gibbons's contemporary, as evoking "the loose and airy lightness of flowers" as well as chaining together "the various productions of the elements with the free disorder natural to the species". In Walpole's opinion he had no match. Also at risk in the King's

Dining Room is a flamboyant ceiling painting showing the hanquet of the gods by Antonio Verrio (1630-1707), an Italian decorative painter who settled in England, working on a number of projects at Windsor, Hampton Court

and Whitehall Palace. As for the Queen's private chapel, in which the blaze scems to have started, the fire will have taken its toll on a building that was started in the reign of Elizabeth I and furnished during the Victori-

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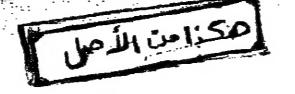
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Lodger sentenced to life for strangling boy in sex attack

By PETER VICTOR

nine-year-old brother Jason.

said was an "extreme, sudden

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Cochrane killed Matthew

because he had to silence any

screams that would have wo-ken his brother or his parents,

A LODGER who crept into a sentenced to 15 years to be four-year-old boy's bedroom at night and strangled him into silence while sexually assault-ing him was jailed for life

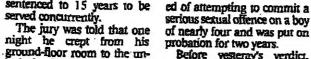
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James Cochrane, 25, was found guilty of murdering Matthew Robinson at his parents' boarding house in Plymouth, Devon, in April. Mr Justice Leonard, sentencing at Exeter Crown Court, recommended that he should serve at least 25 years in jail.

Cochrane, a Maltese-born sailor's son, attacked Matthew two weeks after moving into the terraced boarding house. He had denied murder but

who were on the next floor.

After he was found guilty, admitted committing a serithe court was told that six years ous sexual offence on Mat-thew, for which he was ago at Winchester Crown Court, Cochrane was convict-



Before yesteray's verdict, Paul Chadd, for the prosecuocked first-floor bedroom tion, said that a psychiatrist who saw Cochrane after Mar-Matthew shared with his Cochrane, unemployed, car-ried out what a paediatrician thew's murder described him as "a very dangerous man indeed". He told the court Matthew suffered a "time of and brutal" sex assault on the hell" at Cochrane's hands.

In a second report, prepared after documents were found in Cochrane's cell, the psychiatrist said he would remain a serious danger for perhaps as long as he was capable of

The judge, recommending a minimum 25-year jail term, said he hoped that it would bring Cochrane "to the situation where it is unlikely you will have a desire which produced the terrible facts of this

Det Supt Malcolm Court, who led the murder enquiry, said the case had been the worst possible for anyone to invest gate. Everyone had been "dis usted" by Cochrane's actions

Christine Robinson, Matthew's mother, said after the hearing that a system of checks should be introduced to prevent another tragedy in-volving people with previous convictions for serious sex "There must be some liaison

between social services, housing and the probation service. They should be saying that we don't recommend this person stay with you because you have small children," she said.

We will never recover from Matthew's death, but he is with me eternally. I do feel responsible for letting Cochrane in the front door and not kicking him out when I had the chance, but I don't She described Cochrane as

a time bomb waiting to go off from the minute he walked into their house.

Mrs Robinson said the family wanted to sell up and go home to Australia with Matthew's ashes, which they planned to scatter in the garden of their new home so he would always be with them.

"Matthew was a fragile butterfly, beautiful and vulner-able," she said. "He was so expressive and loving. He would look for me in the had molested girls who were house, put his hands on my on a school outing to the cheeks and say Oh I do love with two daughters, admitted National History Museum. you'."



Grieving mother: Christine Robinson at a press conference yesterday

Mackay seeks aid to fight abductions

WIDER international cooperation is needed to help to combat child abduction, the Lord Chancellor said

Lord Mackay of Clashfern said he hoped that other countries would improve their procedures to the standards in Britain so that abducted children were returned quickly.

Speaking last night on the BBC's Public Eye programme, he said that while there was still room for improvement in the legal procedures he felt that Britain had a good standard of helping the return of abducted children. "I hope that others will be able, gradually, to improve their proce-dures to reach the same kind

His department has seen a 12-fold rise in the number of abductions in the past five years. Spain is chief among signatories in failing to implement the rules of the Hague which provides for abducted children to be returned to their country of residence. A review of the convention, to be held in

likely to focus on Spain's attitude to requests from other

The Lord Chancellor's department dealt with 191 cases last year of child snatching under the convention, which covers only signatory countries and children born within marriage. Reunite, the only body which gives advice on the be nearer 1,200, many of them with little chance of returning since they are in countries such as Italy, Greece, Belgium and the Arab states, who are not signatories to the

A former schools inspector has been chosen as the first Chief Inspector of magistrates courts in England and Wales Lord Mackay announced esterday.

Rosemary Melling, 54, a resent a senior member of the National Health Service training directorate, will be adviser on magistrates' courts' business when the new Magistrates' Courts' Service Inspectorate comes into force next





Life for psychopath who preyed on girls

PSYCHOPATH who attacked schoolgirls after stalking them and studying their movements in a 19-year series of offences was given four life sentences at the Old Bailey

Melvyn Philbert, 36, an actor, compiled details of proposed victims in his diary. He included the code "FS" and "OS" — meaning he intended to have full and oral sex.

In one case, the phrase "poss. term" appeared — which Philbert told detectives meant that he was prepared to-kill his planned 14-year-old victim if escape from her home became difficult.

Philbert, from Southwark. south London, a divorced man 15 offences including grievous bodily harm, attempted rape, indecent assault, robbery, aggravated burglary and going equipped to steal. He asked the court to consider 12 more

David Walters, for the pros-ecution, said Philbert sometimes chose his victims from reports in local newspapers, followed the youngsters to their homes and plotted the family's movements to discover when the guls would be alone. He usually carried a knife, mask and gloves, and sometimes tape.

The court was told that he was arrested in May after he

Schoolboy admits shops

By Kate Alderson

obtain £20,000 by threatening to blow up two supermarkets and their managers' homes was told by a judge yesterday to "go away and rebuild your life".

The boy, who attends an independent school in Reading and was wearing his school tie and blazer, told Judge John Rogers QC at the Central Criminal Court that he had intended to keep the money in a garden shed for when he was older.

The court was told that more than 30 police offi-cers were called in to trap blackmailer. They waited at the designated pick-up point behind a store in Ealing, west London, on May 30. The boy was arrested at midnight after he appeared and grabbed a bag that he thought held the cash.

He had typed out black-mail letters and made only one spelling mistake, despite being dyslexic. He sent them to Sainsbury's kets near his home in West Ealing on May 27 this year, demanding £10,000 from each. The notes to the stores' managers, threatening to blow up their homes, ended: "So no police and you will not

Judge Rogers gave the boy a conditional discharge for three years after he admitted two offences of blackmail. The judge said: "I would like to think that you understand the terrible thing you did." He was concerned about the boy's cold deliberation" in plan-

ning the crimes. A conditional discharge was wholly inadequate but the Criminal Justice Act had tied his hands. Probation and psychiatric reports showed that a custodial sentence was not appropriate, but there was no sentence in between. He added that the boy should be supervised, but kept in

the community. "I suggest you go away, try to rebuild your life and don't do anything like this

blackmail Each week, A BOY of 14 who tried to we poke our nose into someone else's

business.



High Interest is a new series that provides an insight into different aspects of modern business.

This week, the programme explains how Britain's top supermarkets are now amongst the largest and most successful businesses in the country. The Big Three have spent some £2 billion opening 75 new stores this year alone.

We go behind the scenes to talk to these powerful retailers about their plans to open hundreds more stores and ask whether they are in danger of saturating the market and losing the return on their investments.

HIGH INTEREST SUNDAYS 5.15 PM KEEP AN EYE ON

Comic's beret caps auction

BY JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

THE navy blue beret and splintered spectacles that were the trademarks of Benny Hill's blithering buffoon sold for £1,120 to an anonymous bidder at a charity auction yesterday. More than 100 fans packed

the tiny auction house in Ringwood, Hampshire, near Mr Hill's home town of Southampton to see a Mr Steinbeck pay £520 for the beret and £600 for the pair of damaged spectacles that Hill wore in Fred Scuttle sketches. Both were expected to fetch no more than £150. Bidding on behalf of his

mystery client, Mr Steinbeck also paid £300 for an original Franklin cartoon and £440 for a fan letter to Mr Hill from Phil Silvers, the American comedian better known as Sergeant Bilko. The 54 lots on offer, made

up of pieces of Mr Hill's furniture and personal memorabilia, fetched a total of £9,458, most of which will go



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and actresses who made up his Hill's Angels. Mr Kaye, who described himself as an



Among the big bidders was Seth Rushby Kaye, a private collector from New York, who

photographs of Mr Hill with elebrities such as Burt Reynsurrounded by the models

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"eclectic collector", said: "I'm doubly thrilled to have acquired

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acknowledge Mr Hill's family for being willing to donate their proceeds to Care." Most of Mr Hill's devotees vere attending their first

these lots, and to

nuction and many comlained of being squeezed out by the big collectors. "I think this Mr Steinbeck is very greedy to snap up so much and leave nothing for the ordinary fans," said one

median from London, paid £110 for a signed self portrait of the music hall star George Robey. Mr Parker said: "Benny is my role model, he's the master technician. He had the most expressive face, he could say a thousand words

with his eyes."
Mr Hill died in April, aged
67. The Benny Hill Show was broadcast in more than 100 countries and is still shown nightly in the United States. His fans include Michael Jackson and Clint Eastwood.

The tellers of tall tales who know no limits

By RONALD FAUX

DEREK Martin is a retired aircraft inspector by trade and a liar by inclination. According to judges at an annual competition in Wasdale, Cumbria, the tall, scholarly looking man from Preston is the biggest liar in the world.

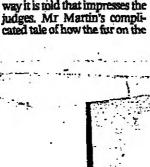
The contest, from which politicians, clergy and estate agents are banned because they are thought to be merely economical with the truth, has been held for more than a century. This year's event attracted a man from Kansas or at least so he claimed, for nothing can be taken at face value. He won third prize.
It is not the he itself but the

monarch's crown was actually Reg White's cap worn back to front as a headache preventer won massive approval. In the past, the competition has attracted television crews

journalists from Russia fascinated by this display of English eccentricity. The story recalled with greatest glee by the liars of Wasdale is the time when the

from Japan and America and

late Tommy Purdan, a farmer, stood up from the audience and declared that, although he was not taking part in the competition, he would like to make a few remarks. The cameras stopped rolling and the television lights went out. He was, of course, lying and



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Images of elegance: but the perfume industry says that the mystique promoted through its advertising will be destroyed by sales of its products in discount shops

Whiff of scandal drifts across perfume counters

BY KATE ALDERSON

DIRTY tricks, unofficial supply routes and middlemen have become watchwords, in the world of perfume, which prefers to portray images of beauty, seduction and bliss.

Attempts by unauthorised retailers to obtain supplies and by perfume houses to frustrate them can be expected to intensify in the weeks before Christmas. The retailers, who sell at discounts of up to 30 per cent, have been stocking shelves for the coming month when most perfume is sold.

■ The Monopolies and Mergers Commission will spend the next nine months investigating the world of perfumes, whose glamorous image has been tarnished

The investigation into the perfume industry announced by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on Thursday could threaten the large profit margins of the fragrance houses and shatter their image

unauthorised retailers scurry about the "grey market" in East in search of wholesalers willing to supply them. This is not illegal but the fragrance houses do everything they can to stop them. Retailers had to learn quick-

ly about the grey market, estimated to be worth 6600 million worldwide, when fraance houses such as Chanel. Parfums Givenchy and Christian Dior refused to supply them because they were thought too downmarket and could "ruin the dream".

One buyer, who wished to be anonymous, said: "The fragrance houses have been very unsuccessful at stopping the grey market. For the past six months I have been travelling around Europe, in the main, looking for wholesalers and middlemen who can sell me the full range of fine fragrances. Their supplies come from the perfume houses, and then the wholesalers sell it to me. It is virtually impossible for the perfume houses to find out which of the wholesalers are supplying unauthorised retailers. Estèe

Lander are reported to have sacked some its distributors who broke its rules.

"I'm buying from around a dozen suppliers at the moment. These guys are very secretive. When they ring me up in the office, they use an lias." Other ways in which distributors cover their tracks include removing or defacing tracer codes on the packaging. The buyer said: "It is very

easy to get certain perfumes on the market and it does appear that some fragrance houses are not trying too hard to stop it. At the end of the day it's all - and of course publicity."

A spokesman from Parfums Givenchy said: "Superdrug, for example, does not have the toiletries retailer. We spend a lot of money training our staff and providing the right environment for our customers. Do you want to know that you have been given a cut-price gift for Christmas or a top fuxury good?"

Givenchy, like some other fragrance houses, has a checklist to assess whether a shop is suitable to stock its products Criteria include length of win-dows, whether the floor-covering is linoleum or marble and the size of mirrors.

Spoiling tactics by some fragrance houses have been alleged by Superdrug in its submission to the Office of Fair Trading. They include one perfume house demanding that Superdrug reveal its sources, claiming it believed that its product might have been stolen. An executive from another house arrived at a Superdrug store with £2,500 in cash and tried to buy back his company's entire stock.

Green paper opens up debate on BBC future

BY MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE government has distanced itself from any radical proposals for a shake-up of the BBC in its green paper on the published on Monday.

secretary, has said that the green paper will set the terms of the debate about the reviewal of the BBC's royal charter in 1996, rather than make policy recommendations. Mr Brooke believes that it is too early for the government to set in stone any plans for the future of broadcasting, given a prolifer-ation of commercial channels

RELATIVES of a British

mountaineer are clinging to

the hope that he and his wife

are alive almost a week after

the Vietnam Airlines jet in

which they were travelling crashed into thick jungle dur-

Hamish Emmerson, 38,

and his French-born wife Sylvie, who live in Abu Dhabi,

were heading from Ho Chi Minh City to the seaside resort

of Nha Trang during a holi-

day when the three-engined

jet, a Russian-built Yak 40.

Mr Emmerson's sister, Eliz-abeth Hart, said last night: "If

anyone could survive it was

Hamish and Sylvie. He has spent a great deal of time in the Himalayas and is trained in survival. His wife is a doctor

who works for Médecins sans

The family learnt of the crash on Monday and know that the plane left Ho Chi

Minh City for the 280-mile

flight to Nha Trang, where a

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there to be a wide public consultation process in the six months after the publication of the BBC. Only in late 1993 or early 1994 will it make its

views known in a white paper. Monday's green paper, set-ting out alternatives for funding the corporation, will offer implicit support for continua-tion of the licence fee, at least until the end of the decade. Mr Brooke has conceded that advertising on the BBC would

ing. It is believed to have come

down on a 5,000ft high

A Foreign Office spokes-man said yesterday that a senior diplomat had been sent

to work with the Vietnamese

Helicopters were unable to make a detailed search, but a man was lowered on a winch and found wreckage from the

aircraft in the branches of the

trees and some damage to the

jungle canopy. "The only way

to reach the site would appear

to be on foot, which will mean

hacking through the jungle," the spokesman said.

British climber lost

in jungle air crash

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

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panies, which jointly face an annual bill from the Treasury of almost £500 million after last year's licence auction. Subscription is given more

threaten the new ITV com-

but heritage officials doubt whether such a system, which could cost the BBC as much as £200 million to implement, would ensure that two mainstream channels with a public service remit were adequately funded.

Subscription would require decoders and changes to television sets and would need to be updated constantly to keep ahead of developments in pirate technology. Programme budgets could suffer unless subscription charges were significantly higher than the annual E80 licence fee.

Clues to the government's thinking will be provided as much by what is not said as by what is. The argument propogated by Roger Gale, Tory MP for Thanet North and chairman of the party's backbench media committee, that BBC1 and BBC2 should merge, will be virtually ig-nored. However, Mr Brooke and his colleagues are thought to be more sympathetic to the idea of closing some radio stations, including Radios 1 and 2 and some local stations.

The green paper draws no Mr Brooke is expected to pour cold water on Melvyn Bragg's call for an "arts coun-cil of the airwaves", which would give out licence fee money to commercial stations as well as the BBC. Sir Michael Checkland, the out-

going BBC director-general, and his successor, John Birt. are privately worried by the Public Service Broadcasting Council proposal, believing that the BBC would be destroyed as funding slowly ebbed away. The corporation will present its own 90-page document on Wednesday.

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Price of Lely paintings soars

THE auction record for the 17th century English court artist Sir Peter Lely soared at Christie's yesterday when two portraits sold for £396,000 and £286,000 respectively to an anonymous buyer (Sarah Jane Checkland writes). The previous record had been £70,400 in July 1990, and the result shows Lely catching up with his contemporaries Van Dyck and Frans Hals, whose records are £880,000

The paintings. A Girl playing a Theorbo-Lute and A Man playing a Violin were from a series of six Historical Compositions of musicians by the artist, two of which are in the Tate Gallery. Having passed by descent from the first Lord Craven, an important pairon of van Dyck and Lely, their sutborship had been forgotten by the 18th century and Horace Walpole described them as Five Italian Musicians by Francis Halls. Yesterday, the

Daniel McLean McDonald, founder of BSR, the hi-fi components manufacturer, and inventor of a device for stacking gramophone records. A third painting from the set, showing a young man playing a lute and thought by Christie's to be a portrait of the artist, went

unsold at £50,000. Born in Holland in 1618, Lely came to England in the early 1640s, offering a line in figure compositions and landscapes. He soon turned to the more profitable field of portraiture and became the leading exponent of his field. He is associated chiefly with the Restoration court of Charles II, where he was

Principal Painter. □ A writing desk, said to be made for Napoleon's use during his exile on St Helena. sold for £165.000, or four times its estimate at Sotheby's yesterday, to a Swiss foundation.

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tion whether a person in a persistent vegetative state is still a person or simply a living carcass. The judge. Sir Stephen Brown, said of ices have to be Tony Bland: "His spirit has left him and all that remains difficult to avoid slipping into a kind of body-mind dualism that is inimical to modern philosophy and theology, as well as medicine. But here it seems to be the distinction is essential to called for.

Christian moral theology. Our duty towards the Though it is disputable it is also defendable. As far as dying is to accompany them on their way and not abanmedical ethics are condon them before their time. cerned, the distinction be-But if a person has already tween deliberately killing gone, that obligation no and letting a person die longer exists.

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Compromise aims to avoid schism

Bishop drafts plans for two-tier church

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

PROPOSALS to enable disaffected Anglicans to remain within the Church of England are being drawn up by the Bishop of London, Dr David Hope. He led 12 bishops yesterday in issuing a state-ment that acknowledged the "considerable anxiety, distress and hurt" felt by many laity and clergy after last week's General Synod vote to ordain

in an interview with The Times last night, Dr Hope said that he was considering a system of "episcopal visitors", by which bishops who opposed women priests would travel between dioceses to ordain priests and do confirmations where local priests were unable to accept the authority of a diocesan hishop

who ordained women. Dr Hope aims to draw up a formula that will enable traditionalists to remain in the church. His plans emerged as The Tablet published a survey of 300 Roman Catholic priests which showed one third in

favour of women priests. Tra-ditionalists who defect to the Catholic Church could be surprised by the support for

Dr Hope, the third most senior bishop, said that he would work from proposals in the Ripon Paper, published last year. This would mean, in effect, a two-tier Church of England but would avoid schism or the creation of a "church within a church".

His scheme will be greeted with relief by Anglo-Catholics with relief by Anglo-Catholics and evangelicals who oppose women priests but feel that their opposition is expected to blow over as the legislation progresses through Parliament Dr Hope is keen to take such opposition seriously in the hope of avoiding schism, dismity and mass defections to the Catholic Church. to the Catholic Church.

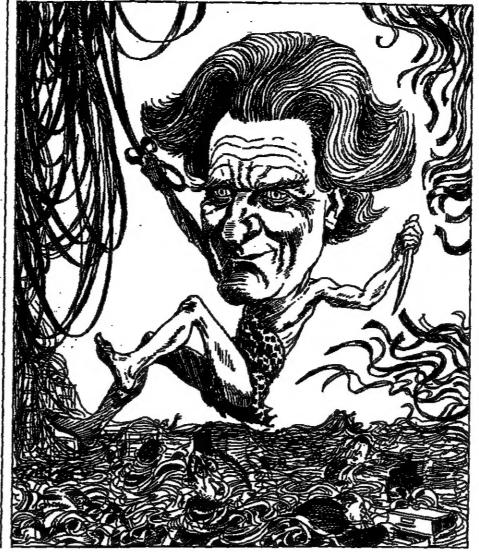
Bishops who voted against the legislation last week said in a statement yesterday: "We understand and sympathise with those who now feel uncertain and unsure as to

their long-term future within the Church of England. It is difficult to see how the legislation, as drafted can be made to work effectively." They will press the House of Bishops at its meeting next January to make "adequate provision" for opponents

for opponents.

The Catholic hishops' conference gave a qualified encouragement to members of the Church of England considering a move to Rome. The Right Rev Connac Murphy-O'Connor, Bishop of Arundel and Brighton and chairman of the hishops' conference committee on Christian unity, said: "We would want to do said: "We would want to do what we can to help." Howev-er, there was more to becom-ing a Catholic than opposing

women priests.
The bishops issued a statement expressing "profound regret" at the General Synod decision because it reinforced obstacles to the reconciliation



Heseltine joins drive to reduce red tape

By Nicholas Wood, political correspondent

increase his efforts to free business from needless restrictions imposed by Whitehall and Brussels regulations.

John Major is to chair a seminar of all government departments in the new year aimed at giving greater impe-tus to his crusade against red tape. Meanwhile, the trade and industry department is to conduct surveys of firms to identify petty rules hampering innovation and expansion. Talks are also to be held with business leaders.

The decisions were taken esterday at a meeting at Downing Street involving Mr Major, Michael Heseltine, the president of the board of trade, Norman Lamont, the Chan-cellor, and Neil Hamilton, the corporate affairs minister at ne trade department.

Lord Sainsbury of Presion Candover, who retired this month as chairman of the Sainsbury supermarket com-pany, is to be Mr Heseltine's ersonal adviser on scrapping

Mr Heseltine has already asked every Whitehall department to draw up, by the end of the year, a list of all regulations

Departments, which each have a minister responsible for deregulation, will then have to set out their plans for simplifying the rule-book. "As you can imagine, it is quite a long list and it will take quite some time to compile, a trade department source said. That will form a mechanism for systematic and continuous review of regulation."

The high-powered nature of the ministerial group overseeing the attempt to reduce bureaucratic obstacles is being taken as a sign of Mr Major's determination to flesh out his promises. The government campaign against red tape dates from 1985, but it has been given a higher priority by Mr Heseltine and Mr Major. Mr Hamilton is meeting all the Whitehall ministers individually to review progress.

At the Conservative party conference last month, Mr Major said that the government was "on the march against the Eurocrat and his sheaf of directives" and that he wanted to prune Whitehall and town hall red tape. He said he was appointing Mr Heseltine, popularly known as Tarzan, to hack through the

Libya given warning on bomb pair

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE prime minister has spo-ken of the "increasingly seri-ous" consequences for Libya if two men suspected of carrying out the Lockerbie bombing are not surrendered to the Scottish or American

In a reply to a written question from John Greenway. Conservative MP for way. Conservance MP for Ryedale, John Major said that there could be "no question of any relaxation of UN sanctions" until Libya handed over the two men and satisfied French demands for co-operation into a separate bombing. If Libya could convince Britain that it had decided in ain that it had decided to surrender the two, "then we would be willing to meet them

to discuss the mechanics".

Mr Major said that he could report some "limited success" in achieving Libyan compli-ance with UN resolutions demanding an end to assistance to terrorist groups. He said that Libya had closed many of its training camps and provided information on its links with the IRA which may prove useful".

Mr Major denied that the government was using the ssue of the two suspects as an excuse to attack the authority of Colonel Gaddafi. "We have no hidden agenda, and we are not seeking to undermine the regime in Libya."

Tory whip halts bill on Masons

BY SHELLA GUNN

A LABOUR: MP said last night that he will persist with his campaign to force those in public life to declare member-ship of the Freemasons, after a government whip blocked his bill in the Commons.

When Chris Mullin's Secret Societies (Declaration) bill came up for second reading, a shout of "object" by Greg Knight, Conservative MP for Derby North, returned it to the queue of measures intro-duced by backbench MPs. The bill stands no chance of becoming law this session without government support. Mr Mullin, Labour MP for

Sunderland South, protested at Mr Knight's action, but appeared undeterred in his campaign to compel MPs, councilors, the judiciary, police officers and other public servants to declare membership of "secret" societies such as Masonic lodges.

In 1986, a questionnaire was sent to MPs asking if those in public life should declare their membership of the Freemasons. John Major should, Mr Mulim said.

His bill defines secret societies as organisations that are closed to the public, with a private membership list and where a commitment to secrecy and allegiance is taken.

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Irish Mr Integrity yearns for a seat

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

M ichael McDowell, the eminent lawyer, chairman of the Progressive Democrats and the Mr Integrity of Irish politics, is probably the country's most powerful unelected politician. Failing to get a seat for a second time in ession next Wednesday will be particularly frustrat-ing. However, it is a likely outcome in Dublin South-East, a constituency dominated by Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and Labour.

The Democrats' chairman has had to sit on the sidelines while other members of the party led by Des O'Malley have played an important part in the coalition with Fianna Fail. There is no doubt, however, that his behind the scene influence was crucial to the way the coalition developed, particularly through moments such as the ousting in January of Charles the former Fianna Fail leader, and the decision two weeks ago to pull out of government and precipitate the election.

The Democrat chairman denies that he was really the hidden hand guiding his party through a tempestuous marriage with Fianna Fáil. "I was largely a spectator. There is this notion that I'm the chief ideologist on the politbureau, but it's not true." Mr McDowell's struggle to be elected reflects the wider difficulty the Demo-

crats have experienced in trying to maintain their

footbold in Irish politics. Having surpassed their

wildest expectations in their first election in 1987. when they returned 14 members after walking out of Fianna Fáil in protest at the way the party was run, they have since stumped and held only six seats in the last Dail.

This time they are again running on the "high stan-dards in high places" plat-form, with policies on tax reform to stimulate employment, women's rights, the environment and constitutional reform. But the party seems to have had difficulty convincing voters it is there to stay and many seem to resent the dispro portionately powerful role it played in the last

While Mr McDowell hopes for between nine and 11 seats this time, including one for himself, the opinion polls that put the Democrats on 6 per cent indicate the party may even lose a seat or two.

It looks destined to contime as a minor player in coalition governments, something which could kill it in the end. But Mr. McDowell denies that his party could be facing political extinction. He has not ruled out going back with Fianna Fail in the immediate future, but his preference would be for a threeway coalition with Fine Gael and Labour. The country needs a change There's a big appetite for change. The best prospect is for some form of inter-

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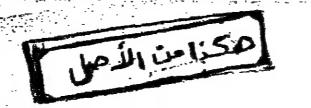
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Yugoslav sanctions tightened

Western allies order full naval blockade

European nations are impatient with attacks on their troops and the flouting of sanctions. Now they are getting tough with Belgrade

By JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

NATO yesterday agreed to enforce the United Nations trade embargo on the rump Yugoslavia, giving its vessels in the Adriatic power to stop and search merchant ships suspected of violating the ban. a spokesman said in Brussels. The Western European Union defence group meeting in Rome also ordered a full naval blockade in the Adriatic.

Both decisions came after French UN troops fired back when they were shot at on

STANDING outside the

temporary British forward

base for supplying Tuzia in northern Bosnia-Herzegovi-

na. The Cheshire Regiment

captain put it succincity: "This is a dodgy area."

the Serb front lines, we were

kept awake by a machine-

gun operator who seemed to have parked his weapon

near the hotel bedroom win-

dow. Artillery and mortar

In this war zone, British

soldiers are expected to keep

to the rules of engagement set out by the United Nations and approved by London. They have the right to open

fire if fired on, to protect

themselves and those under

their charge. These rules of engage-

ment have no logic here. Sol-

diers cannot retaliate if at-

tacked by a Serb gun posi-

tion over a mile away. If a

British infantryman on the

road between Tuzia and

Kladanj is attacked from the

wooded hills, he can do

nothing. As the ambush ten

miles from Kladanj on

Thursday night proved.

fire could be heard.

Three miles from one of

Thursday while escorting a humanitarian aid convoy at Bosanska Krupa in northwest Bosnia, a UN official said in Zagreb, the Croatian capital. Serb forces yesterday

launched a heavy artillery attack on the suburbs of Travnik in eastern Bosnia, apparently to try to open a corridor towards Sarajevo. British UN troops in Vitez, near Travnik, sent two Warrior armoured cars to investi-

there is only one rule, immediate disengagement. To put it another way — drive like

Under the rules of engage-ment, before British soldiers

retaliate, the target must be properly identified. London

has made clear that soldiers

may not fire "in the general

direction" of the attackers.

The Serbs are taking advan-

tage of these restrictions.

Eventually the British troops

may have to cross Serb lines

to deliver aid via the main

road, once the safer tracks

through the mountains be-

come impassable. At that

stage, the UN rules may be-

come more pertinent, since soldiers will have to pass

through Serb checkpoints.

At present, the only con-

tact with Serb fighters is

mortar fire from the dark-

ness or shell fire from a

dozen miles away. British troops have fired back only

once, when a reconnaissance

party ran into heavy gunfire

near Rebenica. On Thurs-

day night, there was no

return of fire because it was

impossible to tell who was

targeting the convoy.

hell until clear.

Shots in the dark

disarm UK troops

FROM MICHAEL EVANS IN KLADANI

In Rome, the WEU also appealed to countries along the Danube to guarantee "the rigid implementation of the

Muslim and Croat forces and is an important centre for

content of the UN resolutions". The WEU said it was ready to offer knowledge, technical assistance and material to impede violation of the Naval and air forces of the WEU "will begin direct opera-

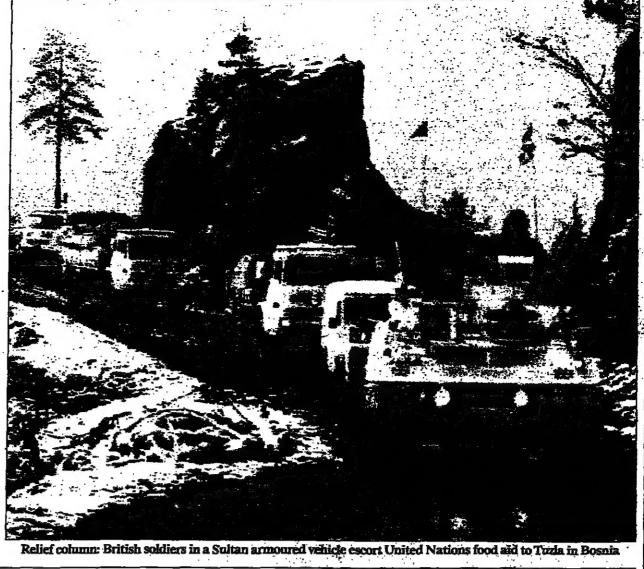
tions to ensure the rigid imple-mentation of the naval embargo including stop-and-search actions and other necessary measures", it said in a statement. Italy, the current WEU chairman, called for the number of naval vessels operating in the Adriatic under WEU auspices to be increased

from five to seven.

Earlier, Michalis Papacon-stantinou, the Greek foreign minister, signed a protocol admitting Greece as a full member of the WEU, widening the fledgling role of the organisation as the defence arm of the European Community. Greece's membership requires ratification by the other nine members - Britain, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, France, Luxembourg and The Nether-lands. It is thought ratification will be used to exert pressure on Athens to end suspected Greek violations of the embargo on the former Yugoslavia, diplomatic sources said.

The foreign and defence ministers of Turkey, Norway and Iceland were late yesterday to sign agreements making them associate members of the WEU. Denmark and Ireland, aithough full EC members, have agreed only to

observer status. In Belgrade yesterday Slobodan Milosevic, the hardline Serbian leader, announced that he would stand for re-election in a December



Yeltsin gets backing of parliament

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S conservative parliament, which had been threatened by President Yeltsin with dissolution if it continued to thwart his reform plans, yesterday extended a sudden olive branch, saying that it was ready to co-operate with the government at the Congress of People's Deputies a week on Monday.

A statement declaring that the parliament "resolutely favoured co-operation" with the president and government and promising to being the reform package was passed with only eight votes against it.
Earlier this week President
Yeltsin had pledged to "de-fend the people's will", even if that meant disbanding the parliament and introducing direct presidential rule.

Hitler paintings go under the hammer after Florence rebuff

By JOHN PHILLIPS

TWENTY watercolours by Adolf Hitler were to be andtioned last night after the city of Florence, responding to feelings of outrage in Germany, backed off from a suggestion they be displayed in the Uffizi Gallery. play the watercolours in the Uffizi among Renaissance

The stark postcard style views of churches and buildings in Vienna and Munich were painted by Hitler before the first world war. They were being auctioned in Trieste as a single lot by the Stadion sale rooms at the request of Imelde Siviero, the widow of the late collector Rodoffo Siviery Who got them from Marting Bormann, Hitler's

personal secretary. The bidding if there are potential purchasers will be presided over by Stephen Cristea, the British anction eer, and will start at a minimum reserve price of 400

million lire (£192,000). Pierkiigi Baldini, the Florence alderman for culture, stirred as ugly.
Rosalia Manno Tolu, the up a storm on Tuesday by saying the city, where Signora Siviero lives, wanted to dis-

masters such as Botticelli, Michelangelo and Raphael. Signor Baldini was quoted as saying the Uffizi might dedicate a room especially to works recovered from Germany by Siviero, who died nine years ago and is described by the Italian press as "a true 007 of art".

Ulrich Roloff-Momin,the Berlin city alderman for culture, protested to the Florence council and said such an exhibition would be "an intol-

Thursday that the Uffizi delinitely would not exhibit the paintings, which he described

superintendent for archives in Florence, has persuaded the culture ministry to issue and injunction preventing the watercolours leaving the country and giving the Italian state the right to their compulsory purchase within three mouths, whatever the out come of the auction. The infunction described the watercolours as "an ideal illuminating and coherent preface to the official painting of the Third Reich".

Alberto Ronchey, minister for cultural heritage, seems unlikely to take advantage of the injunction. Signor Ronchey said the artwork is of interest to psychiatry or criminal anthropology".

Romanian dictator's son freed on parole

Bucharest: A Romanian court yesterday decided to release Nicu Ceausescu, son of the late communist tuler, Nicolae Ceauseset, on parole because of his serious ill-health.

Nicer Ceansesci, 41, was arrested at the height of Romania's December 1989 revolution in connection with the killing by security forces of 91 people in the central city of Sibiu, where he was regional

Communist party boss. He was sentenced in 1990 to 20 years' imprisonment for mass murder and a firearms charge. The murder conviction was overturned last August, leaving him with only a ive-year term for illegal gun possession. He could be retors waive their right to appeal against the ruling. (Reuter)

Pacts signed

Tirana: Albania said it had signed agreements with Tur-key, a Nato member, to co-operate on defence technology and military training. It added that fighting in the former Yugoslavia risked igniting new conflicts elsewhere in the Balkans (Reuter)

Enmity ends

Scoul: President Yeltsin of Russia has ended his South Korean visit saying that the two countries, once bitter Cold war enemies, have embarked on a new "unbreakable rela-tionship". He also signed deals in exemptions the coundeals to strengthen the countries' military ties. (Reuter)

Mafia targeted

Palermo: Italy has seized Maassets worth 500 billion lire (£250 million) by freezing bank accounts and confiscating cars and boats. The operation's chief target was the Madonia family, said to be No 2 in the Cosa Nostra hierarchy. (AP)

Rétain rethink

Jerusaleur President Mitter-rand said in Israel that France should rectipalder its tradition of thomoughng Marshal Pé-fairts first world war service. of the Mazis. (Reuter)

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Threat of Paris veto is final obstacle to global trade deal



Mitterrand: trapped by farmers and EC

nounced by European Community and American negotiators last night gives the world trade talks a more vigorous push than they have enjoyed for two years, but is only the first step in a sequence political manoeuvring

needed for a global deal. A day and half of talks in Washington ended the paralysis which has held up work on a new General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) treaty since autumn 1990. The deadlock has been so long and difficult to break that the US-EC dispute over oilseeds and wheat has hidden the true scale of what is at stake. The eighth, so-called "Uruguay" round of talks to dismantle trade barriers is the first since Gan was founded after the second world war to attempt the mammoth task of shrink-

he success or failure of the round, begun in the Unuguay-

Martin Fletcher in Washington and George Brock in Brussels look at the long-term political and economic implications of the trade accord reached between the United States and Europe

an port of Punta del Este in 1986, gradually came to hinge on the struggle over farm subsidies. As deadline after deadline for a settlement drifted by, the transatlantic tussie for supremacy in food export markets threatened to sink the whole endeavour. Although for a long time a Gatt treaty has appeared to turn on Washington and Brussels, it ought eventually to rewrite the rules for the 108 participating states.

Three factors underscored the urgency of a Gatt deal at the beginning of this autumn, The spiralling recession across the industrialised world has

focused attention on every possible way of reviving economic growth. Economists have estimated that a new Gatt treaty could boost world trade by \$200 billion a year. although the gains might take a decade to be fully realised.

Secondly, the wider Gatt talks became entangled in a technically separate argument between America and the EC over Europe's subsidised oilseed production, twice condemned by neutral Gatt tribunals. Pushed by its impatient soya bean lobby, the administration announced that European white

Spurred by the looming deadline, talks quickened.

But the simmering political crisis between France and its EC partners which was stirred by the prospect of a deal is by no means over. The Socialist government, almost certain to lose power in elections next March, is trapped between its mutinous farmers and its angry EC neighbours. President Mitterrand has invested more political capital in the Maastricht treaty on economic and political union than any other leader in the Com-

If France vetoes - as it effectively can - the deal negotiated in Washington or later in Geneva, the EC's crisis of identity and coherence will deepen and Maastricht's chances of coming into force shrink accordingly. But if France accepts the deal for the sake of peace among the EC Twelve, its farmers will declare have betrayed them.

But French ministers can obstruct the deal on three occasions already written into the EC calendar for the next month. The government in Paris has already said that it will ask its National Assembly for an opinion on a deal. The inevitable hostile response may force French ministers to use their veto. EC foreign ministers meet on December 7 and may be asked to The chances of getting it approve their negotiators' through Congress would be greatly diminished if the dead-

progress. Four days later EC leaders fly to Edinburgh for a summit whose agenda is al-ready crowded with contentious items. In Washington last night officials said they hoped resolution of the farm subsidies dispute would "pump some much needed adrenalin" into

Gatt's negotiating body.
With very intensive work in ate the agreement have largely Geneva it is possible to meet

the March I deadline," one

on which the American president can notify Congress of his intention to enter the Uruguay round agreement under his so-called "fast track authority". That authority means Con-gress would have either to accept the agreement in its entirety, or — extremely un-likely — reject it in its entirety.

great deal of effort and a lot of

luck." March 1 is the last day

line was not met It is now thought unlikely that a Uruguay round agree-ment could be completed in time for President Bush to notify Congress before he leaves office on January 20, but earlier fears that Bill Clinton, his Democratic successor, would want to renegoti-

disappeared. The issues still to be resolved

said. "But it would require a great deal of commitment, a farm subsidies dispute, but several are nevertheless emotive and problematic. They involve across-the-board agreements on tariff reductions, prying open the Japa-nese rice market and surmounting America's desire to protect its shipping industry. Western countries want greater safeguards against Third World "pirating" of intellectual property rights. and greater access for their service industries to places such as Japan and South

A particular concern of the tariffication". London is fighting a rearguard action to preserve an arrangement whereby it allows preferential access to lower-quality, higherpriced bananas from former Commonwealth islands in the Caribbean that produce little

UK seizes on Gatt accord to rebuff European critics

Europe may have overcome the dispute with America that was blocking a world trade deal. But France and Germany are still leading attacks on Britain and its presidency of the EC

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor, and Our Foreign Staff

TRUMPETING its role in getting a Gatt agreement, the government yesterday rebuffed French and German criticism of Britain's presidency of the European Community, insisting that it was well placed to make decisive progress at the Edinburgh

John Major and Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary. reacted sharply to comments by Dominique Strauss-Kahn. the French industry and foreign trade minister, who said that he could not wait for the end of Britain's presidency. The British reaction also embraced Günter Verheugen. chairman of the German Bundestag's European affairs committee, who said Britani's presidency was "turning out more and more to be a disaster

Hailing the "landmark" agreement covering farm price subsidies. Mr Major invited his critics to look at what was being achieved adersnip Next month's Edinburgh summit, he said, was likely to see the conclusion of the single market, "the most important thing that the Community has wanted for a long time".

"Here, under the British presidency after six years of negotiations, we have finally got a settlement between Europe and the United States on the Gatt round. I suggest people wait and see what the outcome is at Edinburgh before they prejudge us." the

prime minister added. Mr Hurd said France had agreed at the Birmingham summit to push for a Gatt agreement. The French govemment had real difficulties. but those in political difficulties "sometimes use exaggerat-

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ed language". He pointed out that Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, had said at the recent Anglo-German summit that the British government was doing everything possible to ratify the Maastricht treaty and that Germany understood the realities of life

in Britain and Denmark.

The bitterness of continental criticism, echoing angry comments by many members of the European parliament in Strasbourg this week, is almost unprecedented. Herr Verheugen said the British presidency was "not in any way fulfilling its leading and co-ordinating function" and that the government, for domestic political reasons, was allowing the time-bomb of Danish objections to Maastricht to go on lying around. In Herr Verheugen's view, the risks of the collapse of European political and economic union were now greater than

the chances of completion. His views are widely shared German politicans on all sides, although ministers and



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opposition leaders alike have so far been careful not to express those views in public. Bonn was particularly dismayed by the British decision to put off ratification of Maastricht until after a new referendum in Denmark

M Strauss-Kahn said of the British presidency: "It is the most calamitous that I have seen in my time in government. They have a way of presiding over the Commun-ity which puts it at a great disadvantage with the Amer-

Mr Hurd said in a BBC radio interview that he could have wished things would have gone "better and easier and quicker, but life is like that". He said that the EC was not making progress as fast as Britain wanted, "but the progress is in the right

Jean-Luc Dehaene, Belgium's prime minister, has urged Mr Major to put a debate on how to reverse Europe's economic downturn on the agenda of the Edin-burgh summit. The European Commission this week revised its estimate of the Community's 1993 economic growth rate to below 1 per cent, down from less than 1.2 per cent in 1992. "The increase in unemployment that several of our countries face requires special

He said the EC leaders must give clear signals to stock markets and companies to restore confidence. It was the lack of confidence that largely explained the state of EC economies. His plea echoed similar concerns by Wim Kok. the Dutch finance minister.

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Scorched earth: a farmer helps to set haystacks ablaze near Lille in protest at the prospect of a trade accord between America and the EC. French farm unions condemned the Gatt deal agreed yesterday, saying it would lead to further cuts in European agricultural production

French farmers vow to fight on

By Our Foreign Staff

FRENCH farmers' unions denounced the trade deal between the European Com-munity and the United States yesterday, saying it would force even greater cuts in farm production than those already

mposed by the EC. A spokesman for the CNJA young farmers' union, one of France's largest farm groups. said: "This is war. There will be demonstrations as early as tomorrow." He added: "The agreement greatly exceeds the limits of the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy. We do not accept the princi-

ples of the accord." A small group of farmers burned hav and tyres outside government offices in the northern port of Calais early yesterday in a foretaste of likely action. Philippe Arnaud, general-secretary of the radical Rural Co-ordination farmers' movement, accused Jean-Pierre Soisson, the agriculture minister, of betraying French agriculture and "sacrificing us on the American altar".
Philippe Tillous-Borde, di-

rector-general of the French oilseed producers' association.

said the deal exceeded constraints agreed last May in the reform of EC agriculture policy. However, he recognised that restricting the area cultivated for oilseeds, from which vegetable oil is made, was better than limiting output, as discussed in earlier trade talks. Estimates circulated by the French government this week said the 21 per cent cut agreed in subsidised EC cereals exports would mean taking a quarter of all European farm land out of production instead of the 15 per cent agreed last May. France had said it would oppose any Gan deal that exceeded the limits of EC farm policy reform and this week said it might demand a renegotiation of the reforms if its

partners accepted such an

Major's woes bring crocodile tears to European eyes

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

WERE it not for the Princess of Wales, a reader would have been hard-pressed to find a word in favour of anything British in the European press this week as John Major has been depicted as stumbling down the road to disaster, dragging his hapless country

behind him. "Lady Di" swept the usual memories of the Hundred Years War aside, charming not just the tabloids but the serious French media with her "triumphant" weekend in Paris. "Paris crowned Lady Di. The smiles and suits of the princess conquered her hosts," said the conservative Figuro, normally no great friend of Britain. The satirical Canard Enchainé awardendangered French peasant ed its weekly prize for inanity to the report of the princess's visit by Libération, the centre-left daily. This threw

Gallic rigour to the winds and waxed eestatic on her 'long, Bluebell Girl's legs", describing her as "nervous like a little bird," who "flashed the brave little grimaces of a punished child". Otherwise, the European press has presented grim tales of Britain's collapsing economy, the Matrix Chur-

chill affair and Mr Major's gymnastics over Maastricht. "Perhaps we must soon reckon without John Major?" mused Germany's Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung vesterday in a look at the threats to the prime minister from his own party. The growing argument over the question of whether the British government violated the arms embargo against Iraq ... could prove even more dangerous than the fall of the pound, the coalmines crisis

and the Maastricht issue." Britain also came in for ironic and bitter comment from German newspapers over the refusal to take in Bosnian refugees from the Slovene-Austrian border. "Has Kenneth Clarke, the

AS OTHERS SEE US A weekly look at how the world views Britain

buses?" asked Die Welt. For France, the chance to twist the knife in Britain's wounds has been too much to resist in a week which saw Albion appearing even more perfidious than usual, seemingly ganging up with the United States in an "Anglo-Saxon cabal" over the world trade talks. Earlier in the week commentaries concurred that, were it not for a scurrilous British campaign, the rest of Europe would accept the need to protect the

home secretary] not seen the

pictures showing the misery

of those people camped in old

A tone delicately balanced between sorrow and gloating has coloured reports on



Whitehall's endless crises. "Panic in Downing Street," said the headline in L'Humanité, the Communist party daily, over a report on the Iraqi arms affair.

Pondering on Britain's supposed humiliation and Mr Major's immense task of restoring confidence. Le Monde, the bible of France's ruling classes, said the prime minister seemed to be staking his career on a "game of double or nothing" with the

British economy. Britain, it said, was facing a recession far worse than in any other European country and "the end of the turnel seems still far away". Britons were far less concerned about Europe than about interest rates, Le Monde explained, largely because they had become "obsessed" with home own-ership in the 1980s. Mr Major was finding it particularly hard to restore confidence because of the extent of mortgage indebtedness.

L'Express, the conservative weekly, talked of the general "catastrophe" now facing any British leader, be he Mr Major or a successor. "One piece of bad news follows another and the scandals keep coming," it said. Only a year ago, it remembered, Mr Major was bounding out of the Maastricht summit cry-ing "game, set and match" for Britain.

the paper said.

While much of the Euro-pean media turned against France earlier this week over its intransigent attitude towards the world trade talks, there was still much space for acid commentary on Britain's handling of the presi-dency of the European Community. In Spain, where anti-British feeling is running high over what is seen as Mr Major's sabotage of the Maastricht treaty, the left-wing El Pais said London's "inane handling of the Community presidency is princi-pally responsible for the

present paralysis". In a typical French comment. L'Express said next month's EC summit in Edinburgh risked turning into a disaster all round, thanks to Mr Major's incompetence. French ministers have been expressing the same neighbourly sentiments on TV and in the press.

Threat of trade war is lifted

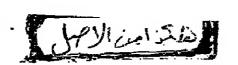
Continued from page 1 ports of oilseeds. US officials had been insisting that the EC bind itself to limits on tonnages of rapeseed, sunflowers and soya to be produced in Europe, but the final agreement restricts production only by stipulating how much land must be taken out of use. The EC paid for that concession by agreeing a bigger cut in overall subsidised exports.

The settlement has now to be approved by EC govern-ments and, although no formal approval is required until an entire Galt treaty has been agreed, the accord will be raised at the foreign ministers' meeting and the Edinburgh summit next month.

Mr Major brushed aside suggestions that France whose farmers are threatening to stage demonstrations against the accord today might yet scupper a final agreement and said that if they continued to object they would be outvoted: "At the end of the day, the EC will decide this on qualified majority voting." Although EC rules allow ministers to make trade policy by majority vote, there have been suggestions that France would invoke the obscure "Luxembourg compromise" which grants individual states a veto when its "vital interests" are threatened. But Mr Andriessen made clear that he thought it unlikely that the deal would be blocked.

While the farm subsidies issue has been the main stumbling block to an overall deal to give £100 billion a year boost to the world economy. negotiators have still to reach agreements on such disparate matters as rice, bananas, shipping, copyright and service industries. These need to be reached before March 1. when the American president's negotiating authority expires. The final deal is likely to come into force on January





WEEREIND WUNET

Iraqi economy in disarray as the UN sanctions bite

A run on luxury goods has forced Saddam to delay an imports ban. Now Iraq's anti-sanctions offensive at the UN is in danger

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN AMMAN

IRAQ has been plunged into its most serious economic disarray since sanctions were imposed two years ago, with differences over policy emerging inside the regime of President Saddam Hussein.

Travellers from Baghdad and Western intelligence sources claim that the United Nations sanctions are beginning to bite at the very moment when Iraq plans to launch a diplomatic drive at the UN on Monday to have them lifted.

At only 24 hours' notice, the deadline for a blanket ban due to have come into effect yester-day on the sale of 146 huxury

Egyptians

step up

tourist

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items, ranging from cheese and perfume to videos and personal computers, was postponed after chaotic scenes in Baghdad's shops.

Before the deadline exten-sion until December 10 ordered by Saddam, traders had been told to clear their shelves of luxury imports or face penalties for economic sabotage, including possible execution. Clothing and other items on the list published in August were selling at knock-down prices. The deadline was part of an austerity package to rescue the Iraqi dinar, now fetching 30 to the American dollar on the black market.

Saddam's rescinding order was issued the day after Babel, a paper owned by his son Uday, who has made millions of dollars from his monopoly over the sale of certain goods, including chickens, criticised the ban on luxury items. "The negative aspect of the measure will leave a disastrous impact not only on the citizens,

against the official rate of 3.2.

The measures were designed

to save foreign currency to buy

Earlier this week Muham-mad Mahdi Salih, the trade

minister, vowed in a speech to parliament: "There will be no

extension of the deadline."

but also on the national econo-my," an unsigned article writ-

ten by what the paper de-scribed as an Traqi economist

with long-standing financial

expertise" said. The writer is assumed by observers to be

Uday himself, and it is a rare challenge to official policy in

sion of Kuwait in August

1990. Western embassies in

Amman believe the attempted

ban resulted from poor eco-

nomic advice given to the

president, who has been fight-

ing a running battle to prevent

staple foodstuffs.

Hong Kong

By Michael Binyon DIPLOMATIC KOTTOR

Egypt yesterday promised a huge increase in security in tourist areas, but claimed the country was still one of the safest places to visit. Fouad Sultan, the minister

of tourism, blamed recent artacks on tourists on terrorists who had failed to achieve their ends by political means and who were, he said, supported by governments envious of Egypt's tourist earnings, especially Iran. He said the threat came not from fundamentalists - senior Islamic scholars have decreed that tourism was not incompatible with Islam — but from former com-munists dressing their ideo-logy in the clothes of Islam.

While in London for a meeting of the World Tourist Organisation, Mr. Sultan attempted to reasure British tourists and admined that Egypt's tourist industry faced grave threat. One in every 15 jobs depended on tourism; last vear Egypt stiracted 3 million visitors, and earned about £2

billion from the industry. He denounced "substantial over-renorting" ot terroris threats against tourists, but acknowledged that Egypt was held hostage by enemies trying to strike at its vital interests. He said armed security guards were now protecting all tourist sites. Only nine incldents had occurred this year, resulting in one death and 13 injuries, but he said there would be no repetition. Ordinary Egyptians were so dependent on tourism that they had helped carch those responsible

and would protect tourists. Mr Sultan said Foreign Office warnings not to visit remote areas were unnecessary. "Come and see how safe they are. You can stroll around day and night"

He refused to link the incidents with Islamic fundamentalists, saying hardly anyone in Egypt had heard of Shaikh Omar Abdul-Rahman, the shaikh in America described as the country's Ayatollah Khomeini. He said that every country now suffered from terrorism: the phenomenon was alien to Egypt, and followed failed attempts by extremists to provoke clashes between Christian and Muslims.

Pharaoh's story, page 14

investors **Peking**

IN PEKING

PEKING yesterday accused Chris Patten, the Hong Kong governor, of creating disaster and chaos" in Hong Kong, and warned foreign investors that they should not support his proposals for democracy if they wanted to continue to make money in the colony.

Patten": the Communist party. People & Dully, in the latest of a week of stracks, said. "For eign countries who support Patien's proposals are helping to wreak chaos and disester on the people of Hong Kong.

Creating chaos will not only bring calamity to the people of bring calamity to the people of Hong Kong, but will harm the

of the consequences. Mr Patten last month anfor 50 years after 1997.

paper also published Thurs-day's criticism by a senior Chinese official in Hong Kong of the colony's decision to begin work on its new airport: The official said Peking could not agree to any action taken without China's



warned by

nationality." The American, Canadian and Australian governments have aiready stated their support for Mr Patten's proposals, and a similar endorsement is expected from Japan. The article said that Hong Kong was an issue only for Britain and China, and that the rest of the world should keep out of it. Western governments "who shout the slogan of human rights so loudly" should think



FROM CATHERINE SAMPRON

nounced plans to further democratise the 1995 elections prior to the colony's handover to Chinese rule in 1997. Peking has reacted with personal insults, warnings of senctions, and veiled threats that China may abandon the joint declaration, which protects Hong Kong's way of life In a separate article, the



the censored media. The arti-cle claimed the order to clear foreign goods in a specified period was "contrary to eco-nomic logic" and described the measure as "not more than an arbitrary action directed against the citizens and traders". lragis arriving in Amman on the main land route from Baghdad, still cut off from all outside air links, said the ban was causing discontent smong the middle classes and

the trading malia which has grown up since sanctions were imposed after the Iraqi inva-

popular discontent.

Like the execution of 42 merchants for alleged profiteering this summer, the ban on luxuries was threatening to Under the from page head-line "Playing the Internation-al Card Will Not Help further empty the shops and stoke up middle-class anger," one Western diplomat said. The sudden switch is a sign of internal disagreements about how to cope with the economic crisis caused by sanctions as winter approaches." The approach of the dead-line had prompted a sharp

jump in the number of Iraqis arnving at foreign emb in Jordan seeking visas abroad. It has been accompanied by new Iraqi restrictions forbidding citizens to make more than two journeys abroad a year. The provision of luxury items, such as scotch and American cigarettes, has been one way in which Saddam has retained loyalty among the security forces and the elite of the country's ruling Basth party.

Uday Hussein: rare challenge to Saddam



corts Hillary Clinton, wife of the US president-elect, into the White House

Washington since the Democrat's election victory. Mrs Bush, just back from house-hunting in Houston, where they will move after the inauguration

in January, showed Mrs Clinton round the private quarters of the 200-year-old presidential mansion. Millie the dog tagged along a few steps behind.

Police force Bhutto to call off march

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN ISLAMABAD

PAKISTAN yesterday mounted a huge security operation in North West Frontier Province to keep out Benazir Bhutto, the opposition leader. In a continuing mockery of the country's traccie democrac the government sealed off roads and ordered police to keep watch at the airport to ensure that the former prime minister did not slip through.

At Bilawal House, her fortress-like home in Karachi, Miss Bhutto announced that she was calling off plans to lead a march today in Peshawar, capital of the frontier region. She blamed the security clampdown for her decision. She has decided to locus instead on Punjab, the most populous, prosperous and politically important of the four provinces and also the home state of Mian Nawaz Sharif. the prime minister, the target of her campaign.

Asghar Khan, spokesman of the People's Democratic Alliance opposition grouping, said Miss Bhutto would defy her banning from Punjab and travel on the Islamabadbound train from Karachi on Monday. To avoid arrest she would leave the train before it reached the capital Her aim is to keep the

country in political termoil and, it seems, to court arrest for its propaganda value. According to one theory, she has received a signal from the



army that it would not object to Mr Sharif being forced out of office. Such rumours are the stuff of Pakistani politics.

She may also be raising her profile lest a court investigating her period in office decides to ban her from contesting future elections on the ground of her being unfit for public office. Such a ruling is a distinct possibility. It remains to be seen if she

can still marshal a mass movement, having lost much of her magic during her two chaotic years in power. Despite her allegations of electoral fraud, international observers say that she was fairly beaten in the general election held two years ago.

Redundant spies tout for business

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN WASHINGTON

for the former chiefs of the they have seen their power crumble, their coup go awry and their dreams of a government dacha disintegrate. But now the men who ran

intelligence network have submitted to the ultimate indignity - they have begun looking for work with the very people they once spied on. Gerard Burke, a former assistant director of the US National Security Agency, who now runs a small security consultancy near Washington, told The Washington Post that he had recently been bombarded with curriculum vitae and letters from former Soviet spymasters and intelli-

gence agents.

The KGB formerly employed 250,000 people. With the collapse of communism.

LIFE has taken a strange turn KGB. In the past few years the former Soviet Union's

however, thousands of former secret police and intelligence officials have found themselves thrown on to the job market. They have naturally gravitated towards the field of security and corporate intelligence.

One of those with whom Mr Burke is now considering a joint venture is Yuri Drozdov, 68, a former KGB major general and the man who once ran the Soviet Union's vast network of foreign operatives. With two

other former KGB agents, Mr Drozdov now owns Namakon, a business consultancy in Moscow. "People who have experience working in the West, understanding market economies and market enterprises, have an easier time getting involved in business." he recently told the Washing-

ton Times. Mr Drozdov was a spy-master of Rudolf Abel, the Soviet agent who obtained many of America's atomic secrets in the 1950s. Now Mr Drozdov is offering to help foreign businesses find a path through Russian bureaucracy. Mr Burke's firm, whose advisory board is led by Richard Helms, the former director of the CIA specialises in protecting American companies against

industrial espionage, and he says he is considering doing a deal with his erstwhile adversary.

NEWS IN BRIEF **Timor** rebel leader caught

Dili: Indonesian soldiers in East Timor have captured José Alexandre Gusmão, a proindependence rebel leader in the former Portuguese colony.
Mr Gusmão, 45, was seized while asleep in a house at Lahane, a suburb of East Timor's capital of Dili. He led a pro-independence demonstration against the Indonesian government in November 1991 that left at least 100 people dead after troops fired on marchers.

Indonesia annexed East Timor in 1976 after intervening in a civil war there between Freulin and other pro-independence groups. President Soares of Portugal called for an international campaign for Mr Gusmão's release. (AP)

Help sought

Johannnesburg: Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, head of a commission of enquiry into violence and intimidation in South Africa, met with President de Klerk. He requested additional resources and authority to carry out his

Guards refused

Luanda: A request for armed United Nations soldiers to guarantee the safety of rebei Unita leaders from attack by the Angolan government was rejected by Margaret Anstee, the UN special envoy, who is expected to fly to the Unita base at Huambo today.

Goodbye sailor

Olongapo: Huge crowds turned out in this Philippines port to say farewell to the US navy, which leaves its base at Subic Bay next week, ending 100 years of American mili tary presence. (AP)

Thousands flee

Dhaks: Tens of thousands of people on offshore islands and coastal villages abandoned their homes as Bangladesh braced for a severe cyclonic storm, with winds of up to 130mph, that was expected to hit the southern coast this

Caste protest

Delhi: A student set himself on fire and police tear-gassed protesters in Delhi in renewed protests over plans to reserve more jobs for low-caste Hindus. A student boycott forced schools and colleges in the state to close for a few days. (Reuter)

Plotter freed

Rabat: Morocco has released Sergeant Ghani Achour, the last military prisoner jailed for taking part in the abortive coup against King Hassan in July 1971 in which 98 people were shot dead at his seaside palace. Sgt Achour was serving a life sentence. (Reuter)

Pest kangaroos

Canberra: Wildlife experts are seeking a solution to the 120 kangaroos that have overrun the grounds of the official residence of Bill Hayden, Australia's governor-general. Shooting and sterilisation have been proposed. (Reuter)

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Feminist slogans recruit women to Shining Path's war

Pilar Cotch has no scru-ples. She claims to have killed many times and says she is prepared to die for the Shining Path who have been fighting a guerrilla war for more than a decade to install

a Maoist regime in Peru. There is no expression on her face as she raises her fist and shouts dogmatic rhetoric from inside a dark, humid prison cell in the central Andean town of Ayacucho, where dozens of eaptured women guerrillas are held. The town is where the Shining Path launched its armed struggle in 1980 and where it centred its campaign of violence that has led to clashes with the security forces. claiming the lives of at least

25,000 people. Pitar, 28, is one of hundreds of captured women cadres belonging to the ShinAfter the Shining Path leader's arrest, women are running the guerrilla campaign, writes Gabriella Gamini in Lima

ing Path movement, held in detention eentres across Peru. She was seized this year when President Fujimori ordered an all-out war on the guerrillas.

There are hundreds of others continuing the violent struggle, she says. At least half of the guerrillas making up Shining Path are women. It is believed that three women now head the movement since the capture of Abimael Guznán, the Shining Path's ideological leader and founder, who was detained in September after military intelligence traced him to a middle-class suburb in the capital Lima "When

Guzmán was captured he was found with three women who stood by his side and claimed to be his closest comrades. They belonged to the central committee of the Shining Path — from that day it was proved that women take a leading role in the movement," Rosa Ma-

mong those captured Awas Martha Huatay, who was said to have planned the bombing and terror campaign which has shaken the capital since June. Now that the so-called supreme leader, often named "President Gonzalo", has

livia, a sociologist, said.

been jailed, analysts say he has left Teresa Durand, Margie Clavo and Emma Saveedra to continue the ideological leadership of the armed struggle. These women who are at the top are all from middle-class educatbackgrounds, former teachers and lecturers at university who took to the Shining Path because it was the only movement which

Malivia said. Most of the women who lead the political wing of Shining Path joined the armed struggle in its early days, but women are not only in the Shining Path leader-

embraced feminism," Señora

ship. Hundreds of women from poorer rural areas are active, often used in assassi-

or Pilar Couch opting for

the Shining Path was an obvious choice. "I went to school and wanted something from life. But like many other women who live in provincial towns. I lelt that there was nothing for me this government could offer." Although the rhetoric of Abimael Guzman, whose main inspiration is the Chinese cultural revolution, focused on women and won the following of hundreds, it also demands à harsh regime. Marriage is only allowed within the movement, and only to guerrillas of the same rank. Having children is out

of the question and if they

already exist they have to be

and brought up on farms. Lower-ranking women cadres are also said to have to provide a sexual service every 45 days to the male head of the guerrilla squadrons. "Guzmán's feminism is to-

tally contradictory, it wants to turn women into men. It talks of women's rights, but it also uses women," Señora Malivia says. "The problem is that desperate poverty leads many women really to believe that their war will change things for them."

While hundreds of guerrillas such as Pilar have been captured and President Fujimori has vowed to crush the Shining Path by 1995, the terror campaign has been stepped up to disrupt tomorrow's elections which Senor Fujimori called to install a



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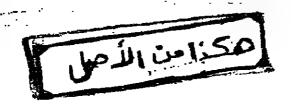
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On the 70th anniversary of the discovery of King Tut's burial place, Daniel Johnson reviews the cult surrounding it

7 rom the moment that The Times broke the news of his tomb's discovery in the Valley of the Kings on November 30, 1922, Tutankhamun was not only the most famous of the pharaohs, but the central figure in a wave of popular mythology surrounding the royal mummy and the ancient curse which supposedly punished those who disturbed it. An esoteric literary tradition going back to Edgar Allan Poe was transformed by Tutankhamun into the cult which gave us Boris Karloff's mummy movies and Egyptian art deco cinemas. His reign over the imagination of the 20th century has already lasted far longer than the 18 years of the pharaoh's life

on Earth. It was indeed the most sublime moment in the history of Egyptology when. 70 years ago this week. Howard Carter looked into the antechamber of the tomb and, in answer to his patron the Earl of Carnaryon's excited query ("Can you see anything?"), replied: "Yes, wonderful things." In January 1923 the earl, who wished to recoup the cost of this private

Hype of the mummy's tomb

enterprise, had signed an exclusive agreement with The Times, giving it a degree of control over news of progress in the excavation which not only infuriated rival newspapers but also the Egyptian government. The contract, printed in T.G.H. James's judicious new biography Howard Caner The Path to Tutankhamun (Kegan Paul International), meant that Carnarvon had sold for £5,000 rights which the Egyptians did not think belonged to him.

Within six months of the discovery. Carnarvon was dead of a septic mosquito bite. Stories about a curse, originally encouraged by the archaeologists as a way of frightening off potential intruders, were taken up by journalists starved of scoops and given credence by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. He was-interviewed just after Carnarvon's death and warned: "An evil elemental may have caused Lord

Carnarvon's fatal illness. One does not know what elementals existed in those days, nor what their form might be. The Egyptians knew a great deal more about these things than we do."

Sir Arthur's words precipitated panic among collectors of Egyptian antiquities. Arthur Weigall. an Egyptologist turned Daily Mail correspondent, wrote darkly of "the malevolence of ancient Egyptian spirits". The Mail printed a wholly implausible - story about a mosquito "which may have previ-ously settled on embalming fluids found buried with Tutankhamun". The Daily Express reported that, at the moment of Carnarvon's death. the lights in Cairo Hospital suddealy went out. This curious occurrence was interpreted by those anxiously awaiting news as an omen of evil." Even the reported death of the earl's terrier bitch Susie, thousands of miles away at

his estate of Highelere, was linked to the curse. Later Velma, a society palmist and seer, claimed to have warned Carnaryon of a cuise before his death. And so the tales

The curse was, of course, entirely bogus. A study by the Metropolitan Museum of Art has proved that those involved lived to an above average age for the period. Carter himself later wrote: "There was probably no place in the world freer from risks than the Tomb. Scientific research had proved it to be sterile . . . So far as the living are concerned curses of this nature have no part in the Egyptian Ritual."

Though Carter lived until 1939, his close colleague Arthur Mace (who actually wrote the most farnous account of the opening of the tomb) died in 1928. In a sense Tutankhamun did kill Mace, but it

was not the curse of the boy King. it was the sheer amount of work involved in clearing the tomb in what were difficult and stressful circumstances," writes Mace's biographer, Christopher C. Lee, in ...the grand piano came by camel: Arthur C. Mace, the neglected

Egyptologist (Mainstream).
Like all great myths, the discovery of the romb of Tutarkhamun has been repeatedly debunked. Howard Carter, who rightly took the lion's share of the credit for the find but was snubbed by most Egyptologists, has been accused of being little better than a graverobber. His collaborators, overshadowed at the time, have no less rightly been allowed some posthu-

Tutmania is still with us. The first Tutankhamun show, held at the British Empire Exhibition, Wernbley in 1924, featured a mock tomb. Carter slapped a writ on the organisers (who were advised by his Daily Mail rival Weigall) for breach of copyright, but the tomb was very successful. More recently there was, among others, the great British Museum exhibition of 1972. This week the museum unveiled a new exhibition, Howard Carter: Before Tutankhamun; a paperback volume with the same title, written by Nicholas Reeves and John H. Taylor, accompanies the show, published by British

Museum Press. Christopher Frayling attempts to explain the Tut phenomenon in his useful new book The Face of Tutankhamun, published by Faber on Monday to coincide with the BBC-2 series of the same name. He quotes Peter Green to the effect that what impresses us is the "static selfassurance" of the ancient Egyptians: "Nothing, in the last resort, not even gold is as insidious as unshakeable belief.

New works of popular Egyptology, such as Nicolas Grimal's A History of Ancient Egypt (Blackwell) and Eugen Strouhal's Life in Ancient Egypt (Cambridge), stress the fact that the true significance of Howard Carter's discovery was only appreciated much later. In-deed, the most profound effect of this unique evocation of the most distant part of human history may be upon those who consider themselves the descendants of pharaonic

Egypt.
One scarcely disinterested witness quoted by Christopher Frayling, the Arabist Edward Said, sees the evolution of Egyptology from Champollion to Carter as a by product of European imperial ism, and asks why the West is more interested in the Egypt of Tutankhamun than that of Nasser and Mubarak

Egyptians are sensitive and sometimes resentful about these polytheist ancestors, with whom they feel a mystic affinity, but whom Islamic orthodoxy forbids them to revere. If there was a curse, it has fallen upon Egypt rather than

Making waves in broadcasting

Chris Hopson on reforms the BBC must implement to avoid more radical change

ow can the BBC continue to justify imposing a li-cence fee of £80 on every colour television owner? Peter Brooke is under pressure to consider radical alternatives to the BBC. Within the department of national heritage the debate on next week's green paper centres around an arts council of the airwaves, an idea which aiready has support among the prime minister's policy advisers. It is a very tempting option, but one the government should resist.

What would an arts council of the airwaves do? It would receive the licence fee and allow all broadcasters — not just the BBC — to bid for funds to make programmes which meet public service objectives. It

would create an internal market and split programme purchasers from providers.

But it is also a

Trojan horse for

many who are out-

right opponents of the BBC. It would

mean the death of

the BBC by a thou-

sand cuts as the

spread across a

wide range of pro-

gramme makers,

many of whom

would have access

licence fee

its licence fee, the BBC must slim down its bloated management

To justify

structure

to advertising revenue. Some believe the BBC is a cultural dictator - but better use of its archive material by an arts council of the airwaves would be far worse.

Programme makers would try to second guess the opinions of the council's members in their bid for funds while these 12 political appointees selected from the "great and the good" would decide what was good and bad public service programming. They would be in a position to lay down detailed objectives, programme by pro-gramme or series by series. The BBC, quite rightly, places such decisions in the hands of its producers.

However, if the BBC is to justify the licence fee, it needs to demonstrate that it can adapt to the new competitive broadcasting market. Above all, the BBC needs to slim down its bloated management structure. It must also carry through the producer choice initiative which creates an internal market by forcing BBC departments to compete with independent companies in selling their services to BBC producers. It should also establish targets for cost effectiveness that can be independently audited. Adopting these measures will produce the same pressures for efficiency as an arts council of the airwaves but will not endanger programming quality and diversity or editorial

The BBC's programming objectives should be changed so that it offers distinctive and original programmes, not pale imitations of those offered by its competitors —
there can be little justification for
Eldorado or Neighbours remaining in future BBC schedules. This does not mean, however, that the BBC should aim only at minority audiences: the success of East-Enders demonstrates that it is possible to make popular pro-

grammes that meet public service broadcasting obiectives.

The BBC should not broadcast in areas that are already well catered for by the market and do not meet public service broadcasting objectives. Areas 10 withdraw from indude Radios 1 and 2 and those local radio stations

whose output does not differ sufficiently from commercial rivals. The BBC should also make handing over BBC Enterprises to a private operator in return for a

share of the profits. There are a number of other reforms that are needed to improve accountability to viewers and listeners. The BBC has already promised to put new mechanisms into place which build on best practice in the public and private sectors. The confusion surrounding the governors' role needs to be ended: they cannot continue to act as the board

of management while retaining responsibility for regulation. John Birt and Marmaduke Hussey have already indicated that they will undertake a programme of reform broadly along these lines. The government should renew the BBC's charter for ten years, set it clear targets to achieve and assess whether they have been met in ten years' time.

The author was special adviser to David Mellor at the department of national heritage. His paper. Reforming the BBC, will be published by the European Policy Forum on Monday.

Patten's appalling joke

"Come in Patten. Sit down." The use of his surname was unusual Patten could tell the prime minister was tense. He feared the worst. "You know what it's about. You'll have seen the league tables. I'm

awfully sorry."
Since November 1992 the prime minister had taken a grip on the "grey" image of his team. Each year the cabinet minister with the lowest poll rating had to resign, no matter what. John Major had found this a painless way to reshuffle.

Patten's gorge tightened. "But prime minister. it's absurd. The system is unfair. The figures aren't even correct. "I know. I know," said Major. "We've been over all that. I'm sure we'll get a better system

SIMON JENKINS

next year. But ratings are facts. You've always loved facts, John. It's better than leaving it to the whips." Patten choked. "But it's all public relations... which depart-ment you're in ... it's all to do with context..." John Major moved a small lever installed by his predecessor. Patten abruptly disappeared. A gurgle was heard from far down below. Sir Robin Butler put his head round the door. "Mistah Kurtz, he dead!" he said with a chuckle.

can see no point at all in the bizarre school league tables published last Thursday. The Listing of the "best and worst" schools in England was so grotesque I wondered if it was meant as a coded lesson in unfairness. Was John Major sending the schools a message, that his new Britain is for the rich and the clever. and the sooner we all know it the better? If so I can only puzzle over the enormity of it all. This is tabloid government with a vengeance.

The Victorian philanthropist. Charles Booth, once published a table showing the distribution of butlers per head of the London population. It was full of interest. Hampstead beat Kensington and Westminster, largely because it had fewer mews properties and thus fewer working class to distort its ratio. Last week's tables from the education department are about as useful. They tell us where middleclass people live. They tell us that selective schools get better exam results. They tell us nothing about how good any one school is at teaching its pupils: though by grading schools they imply just that It would have been fairer to omit schools altogether and publish exam results by postal district.

The tables were statistically aberrant. They omitted so many children and so many schools as to be quite unreliable. They excluded children who sit their exams before 15 or 17 or who take A levels outside the school. Richmond with

The ranking of schools by exams results is pernicious and unfair. All it tells us is where the middle class live



its excellent sixth form centres was made to seem the dumbest town in England. The figures omitted three quarters of independent schools: Winchester but no Eton or Westminster. They disregarded whether a school is choosing only bright children from primary schools. The government casually admitted that it has yet to perfect its system. Why then rush out such incomplete figures? If statistics were a real

profession - rather than a branch of politics - somebody at the education department would have been "struck off" by now.

Educationists can roughly pre-dict the exam results of secondary schools by examining the community they serve. Cheshire and Surrey are prosperous and yield good results, Brent and Tower Hamlets are not. Selective schools score higher than non-selective, indepen-

dent higher than state. Redbridge's 11-plus yields two council schools scoring above 92 per cent; the rest are below 50 per cent. There are no surprises here, though a ghoulish fascination in seeing how badly the

"other school" has fared. The education secretary, John Patten, says parents should make allowances for all this. Why did he not do so in his tables? By giving them the glare of national publicity

he was discounting any allowance. The imprimatur of central govern-ment is now stamped on exam passes as the sole criterion, not just criterion, of teacher and school performance. Mr Patten says next year his figures may include other criteria, though it is hard to see how something so essentially local as school context can be tabulated nationally. He could more fairly have updated Booth and given us the distribution of nannies. (I imagine this would correspond exactly to his tables.)

course school performance should be more open. Of course parents deserve more information. But the lesson of last week is that Whitehall should keep right away from this. Councils should be required to publish all they know about their schools, putting exam results in their local context. What a parent wants to know is how good a school is at educating a given child or ability group, how good at a particular subject, how good at preparing for further education. Camden council has published such "value added" tables for its schools: they seem reasonably fair. If a local council had engaged in

such a beta minus operation as these tables, Mr Patten would have said it was not fit to run anything, let alone a school. Yet Mr Patten's new education bill is giving his department powers to run every school in the country. He is the last The education bill seeks to fragment the school system of England

and remove it from local administration. Schools are to be like prisons, defence establishments and (until recently) hospitals, under Whitehall regulation and administration. Heaven help them. In addition, the way this is being organised through "opting out" will widen the social and educational divergence between schools. Public money will inevitably flow towards those that do best in league tables. Nor will local councils be able to levy higher rates to help the "sink" schools that are left behind. Public education was meant to counteract rather than reinforce social disadvantage.
The smug world of education has

long had a shock like this coming to it. I suppose shocks help debate. But the past week suggests sanity is losing this debate. The league table was a huge £1.4m pat on the back to schools that have an easy job already, stigmatising and demoral-

ising those that have a bard one.
Life may be a struggle against
unfairness. But for government to make that struggle worse, and so gratuitously, is callous. Conrad ruminated in Lord Jim that most people's idealism had "never undergone the trial of a fiendish and appalling joke". That can no longer be said of British education.

A hard sales pitch

COME to sunny Pakistan. See the colourful street life of Islamabad where happy demonstrators dance and sing. Witness the drama and excitement of the special tribunals. Imran Khan has clearly got his work cut out : the former Pakistan test captain has just been appointed "honorary roving ambassador for tourism" by the prime minister Nawaz Sharif.

Supporters of Benazir Bhutto will be forgiven for seeing Imran's appointment as a cynical attempt by the government to rescue the country's image, badly tarnished after the bouncers bowled by the security forces against demonstrators this week. For the government it is a clever PR coup. They have also just awarded Imran Pakistan's

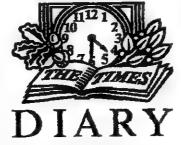
top civil award, the Hilal-e-Imtiaz. Imran's brief, according to friends, is a roving one, selling Pakistan on his many travels around the world. He arrives in Britain next week to raise funds for his hospital project in Lahore. To date he has raised more than E5 million for the hospital, which is due to open next year. He will surely find it easier convincing the British public to caught up for his clinic than to persuade it to abandon Lanzarote for Lahore. The Foreign Office is advising tourists that there is a problem with kidnapping and armed robbery in rural areas and travel by road in the south of Pakistan "requires armed police escort".

• The Tory MP John Carlisle may be neutral in today's rugby international between Wales and Australia but he was clearly partisan in last weekend's England versus South Africa game. "It was a pity we lost wasn't it?", he told colleagues this week. Not for nothing is his nickname at Westminster the member for Pretoria North.

Last picture show

AFTER more than two decades as one of the world's leading acresses the lights will go out for the last time on Glenda Jackson's film career tomorrow. Jackson. who vowed to give up acting when she became the MP for Hampstead and Highgate, will be seen opposite Ken Russell who directed her in Women in Love, for which she won an Oscar.

Jackson plays the part of the age-ing lover of the composer Sir Ar-



nold Bax in the film, The Secret Life of Sir Arnold Bax, which will be shown on The South Bank Show presented by Melvyn Bragg, one of the Labour MP's most loyal

The MP expresses few regrets about the demise of her acting career, insisiting she is unterly "un-sentimental". She says: "Acting is something that only has any kind of validity when you are doing it. Like a majority of actors my early experience was unemployment rather than employment." In the film Jackson is abandoned

by Russell for a younger mistress, played by Heny Baynes who in real life met Russell on the set and married him six months later. She is now expecting his eighth child. "Any opportunity to work with Ken must be accepted with both hands," says Jackson. "I haven't up

to now missed any aspect of acting. I have never regarded acting as anything other than extremely hard work." Does she mean that politics is not?

Elizabethan rave CONSERVATIONISTS who ut-

tered large sighs of relief last month when Peter de Savary took the £6 million price tag off Littlecote House, his Elizabethan manor in Wiltshire, may have breathed too soon. The flamboyant de Savary has just received permission to hold a "rave" for 16,000 at the historic manor on New Year's Eve.

- Many were concerned about the future of the house's collection of civil war armour when it first went on the market. Now they are more worried about the effect of 16,000 ravers, to say nothing of the noise, on the fabric of the house.

Environmental health officers on Kennet District Council opposed the application but were overruled by their political masters who have granted a licence. The decision has done nothing to sweeten the neigh-bours. Lord Chetwode, whose home is close to Littlecote, says he may have to cancel his traditional New Year's day pheasant shoot. "Otherwise we might end up shoot-ing the ravers by mistake as they wander away from the party."





 Just who did Dr Steve Jones (centre), the geneticist and Reith lecturer, have in his sights on yesterday's Desert Island Discs? Smith seems to have got the genes of various secretaries of state confused. Asked to name his luxury, he replied: "I'd like to honour the present Secretary of State for Education. Kenneth Clarke, by keeping his stuffed body on my desert island." Did he mean Clarke (right), the home secretary, or John Patten (left), currently the education secretary?

• Fleet Street yesterday was awash with rumours that Alastair Campbell, the political editor of the Daily Mirror, was about to make a very public resignation on air. Camp-bell, who was presenting What The Papers Say on television last night, admits it was all his own fault. "Expect a major surprise at the end of

the programme," he had told colleagues. They all immediately supposed that their socialist political editor was about to quit in protest at the new right-wing Montgomery-Banks regime. "All I meant was that I was going to end the pro-gramme by playing the baggines," says the Scottish Campbell.

Just a bad spell

NO WONDER Liverpool schools scored so badly in the new examination league tables. The poor children, after all, are hardly being set a fine example. Frank Cogley, Liverpool's education director, has just sent all parents a letter with the council's booklet giving details about the city's educational objection tives. Discriminate becomes "descriminate", by "principal and practice", one assumes, the director means principle the grammar is atrocious, the punctuation almost non-existent

The letter ends with a ringing declaration of the city's commitment to continue the "sucessful" path for Liverpool schools.





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COMMONSENSE VICTORY

France must not now sabotage a Gatt deal

At the last minute, the world's most powerful industrial countries have backed away from economic catastrophe. The deal announced in Brussels yesterday to end the bitter dispute between America and the European Community over agricultural trace brooks of no opposition by France - whose farm minister denounced it last night - or any other government. The jobs of millions and the future wealth of nations depend on it.

. President Mitterrand must now exercise statesmanship. He faces a domestic crisis with his militant and increasingly lawless farmers if he does not veto the deal; but he will plunge the entire Community into crisis if he does. He has indicated that France will not fight alone — and the rules governing EC trade policy mean that the deal can be accepted by qualified majority of member states. France has threatened to invoke the Luxembourg compromise, under which a government can exercise veto in a matter of "vital national interest": but by no stretch of the imagination is it in the interests of France to usher in a world trade war which

would damage its entire economy.

The agricultural dispute is trivial in itself. What has made this quarrel so dangerous is that it put at risk the health of the entire world trading system. What matters now is that EC governments lose no time in endorsing the compromise reached on their behalf by the European Commission.

Only then will the way be open to conclude an infinitely more important global trade deal, the Uruguay Round of the Gatt, which has been stalled for two years thanks to the myopic deference of the EC, which prides itself on being the world's largest trading

bloc, to its heavily subsidised farm industry. A successful round could revive the economies of America and Western Europe, enable Eastern Europe to make a successful transition to free markets, bring prosperity. to Third World farmers and, by rolling back protectionism, put money in consumers' pockets. This accord, which involves 108 opportunities in 15 different sectors. Carla - now show that this is more than rhetoric.

Hills, America's trade negotiator, has estimated that it could add perhaps \$4,000 billion to the value of world trade ten years hence, generating millions of jobs both in the industrialised world and in the developing countries. Failure would not just mean the loss of opportunities to expand trade, but a serious risk of unleashing trade wars of the kind that contributed to the great depression of the 1930s.

That is what the EC, in defiance of its own best interests, has until this week been prepared to risk - and what France insists that it would still prefer, rather than "surrender" to the United States. France has said that it will accept no farm trade deal that goes further to reduce subsidies and farm output than the reforms to the common agricultural policy agreed last May. The EC negotiators, Ray MacSharry and Frans Andriessen, insist that it is compatible with the CAP reforms, but French ministers may well try to mount a filibuster. Since output and price levels are as difficult to predict with any accuracy as British weather, arguments over the fine print could drag on for months until after the French parliamentary elections next March, if France has its way.

-If that were to happen, the Uruguay Round would almost certainly be doomed despite yesterday's deal. If the final stage of Gatt talks opens next week, there will only just be time to remove obstacles in other areas — on which negotiations have been held up pending a breakthrough on farm trade - and complete the final drafting stages by March. The round stands or falls as a package. It has been six years in the making, and in March, the American administration's authority from the US Congress to negotiate an overall package which Congress would then accept or reject

without amendments expires. President Bush has devoted the last vestiges of his authority to the cause of free trade. Europe's interests and America's coincide. France has prided itself on countries, would open up new trading championing the European cause. It must

THE CALL OF DR LEONARD

Mass conversion is a practice better suited to the Dark Ages

Church made this week by Dr Graham Leonard was the act of a man whose outraged conscience has compelled him to rebel. Like the first Protestant, the former Bishop of London and leading opponent of female ordination proclaims: Here I stand, I can do no other.

As an act of principle, his personal defiance of the General Synod's decision to ordain women should command respecttime when Anglicans are struggling to reconcile the imperatives of conscience with a sincere desire for unity, Dr Leonard's clarion call for a mass defection to Rome is an ill-advised

coup de thédire. Writing in The Times yesterday, Dr. Leonard repeated the Anglo-Carholic axiom that the Church of England is, quite simply. "the Catholic Church in this country", bound to the universal Christian tradition by the creeds, the sacraments and the ministry. In his overtures to Rome, he treads in the spiritual footsteps of Laud (who declined a cardinal's hat) and Newman (who accepted one). For the "substantial" Anglo-Catholic constituency he has chosen to champion, the doctrinal leap into the embrace of the Holy See would indeed be a small one. Institu-

tionally, it is fraught with hazard. Delving into canon law - which medieval scholars knew could be used to prove anything - Dr Leonard has dug up the institution of the personal prelature, in which a group defined by religious character rather than territory becomes subject to papal jurisdiction. The only model to date is that of the semi-clandestine organisation Opus Dei, scarcely what traditionalists

The approach to the Roman Catholic seeking a safe haven from female ordination have in mind. The alternative is mass conversion, a straightforward flight of dissenters from Canterbury to Rome.

Both blueprints are unsatisfactory as a means of resolving the divisions within the Church of England. Dr Leonard takes a rose-tinted view of the 1896 bull Apostolicae Curae rejecting Anglican orders, which he insists is open to reinterpretation. But Cardinal Basil Hume, whose reaction to the shop's offer has been admirably restrained, has already identified "very serious practical difficulties" in papal recognition of the Anglican ministry. Even if Rome chose to waive these reservations, priests leaving Anglican orders would lose all ecclesiastical property and find most Catholic dioceses too poor to match their salaries. Those who were married would certainly be unable to continue as parish priests, relegated instead to the status of chaplain.

Mass conversion, in any case, seems a shallow response to a debate which has rightly been dominated by the prick of individual conscience: it is a Dark Age practice best confined to the pages of history books. Those who find the ordination of women unconscionable should explore the scope to campaign within the Church, as Dr David Hope, the traditionalist Bishop of London, urged yesterday, taking advantage of the means offered by the synod to opt out of the reform. Those, such as Dr Leonard, who feel they must leave, should not seek the safety of a mass exodus but resign their orders and join the Catholic Church peacefully as individual laymen. That would be an act of genuine and considered faith, of conviction matched by courage.

SERMONS IN PRECIOUS STONES

Buried treasure revives the spirit like little else

literature from Jason's quest for the golden fleece to Jack and the beanstalk. In real life it runs from Schliemann claiming that he had gazed upon the face of Agamemnon to the retired gardener in Suffolk who has just turned up a hoard of Roman gold and silver

in the clay. Treasure trove: the very words are like a bell to ring treasure-hunters hoardwards and downwards, even though the Anglo-Saxon law cedes hidden treasure to the Crown for the bureaucratic purpose of melting it down for coinage. Part of the attraction is avarice, getting something for nothing, winning the pools without the sweat of predicting all those elusive scoredraws. In this golden age of the common treasure-hunter - when cheap metal detectors are available to all - it is no longer necessary to be a king, an Elgin, a Trevelyan, Tradescant or Burrell. Amateurs with their electronic divining Hoovers are finding at least two million archaeological objects a year in the United Kingdom: about a quarter of the total.

There is more than simple greed, however, in the attraction of buried treasure. It fits the modern backward-looking passion for finding roots and continuity in a world that is changing faster than ever before. The retired RAF officer who turned up the gold

The lure of hidden treasure runs through and silver jewellery at Snettisham last year felt that he was shaking hands with Queen Boudicca herself directly across the centuries, without the screens erected by even the most tactful museums and the glosses interposed by even the most imaginative scholars.

Treasure-hunters are looking for some-thing more precious than gold. They seek the philosopher's stone that will bring the past back to life. The dream of discovering Shakespeare's Love's Labour's Found or the manuscript of Catullus acting as a bung to a wine-barrel has nothing to do with their saleroom value, and everything to do with resurrection of creations above value.

This latest find has an eastern imperial look to it. It may prove to be the only treasure from Constantinople yet found in Roman Britain. It puts us in touch across 16 centuries with Britain's ancient masters just before they left for home. In the modern world of built-in obsolescence, where not even architects manufacture anything with an intended life of more than a generation, there is an old magic in such longeval artifacts. Can we be confident that for measure-hunters ten centuries from now there will be anything a thousandth part as beautiful as that Roman strainer with its dolphin and its bearded magnate in a Byzantine head-dress?

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Lessons of school 'league tables'

From Ms Margaret Tulloch

Sir, It would be a sharne if the positive lessons to be gained from the school league table debate (reports, November 19) were drowned in protests from

We must recognise that there is a real advantage in having information, however imperfect, available to all — not just those "clued in" sufficiently to collect all the prospectuses or prise it out of LEA

If schools select pupils and parents and throw out those that won't conform, it is likely that their exam results will look good. We need to know how good they really are. Educationists must arrive at an agreed system of value-added assessment now, so that we can all press for its introduction as soon as possible. Teachers and heads must not retire hurt behind the staffroom door but work with parents to explain, discuss and plan together for

Yours etc MARGARET TULLOCH (Secretary), Campaign for State Education, 158 Durham Road, SW20.

From the Director of the Independent Schools Information Service

Sir. Your report, "Private schools shun publication of exam results" (November 18), appears almost three months after more than 500 independent senior schools published their A and AS-level results collectively and in great detail for the first time. Indeed, The Times and other newspapers printed them in August.

The fact that only a quarter of independent schools appear in this week's government lists is not due to any reluctance on their part to publish examination results which confirm their academic excellence. It is due to the method of reporting chosen by the Department for Education, which excludes the achievements of thousands of independent school pupils.

It is common practice in many independent schools to enter able pupils a year early for GCSEs and A els. But the department has ruled that these results cannot be included with this year's cobort of results; nor can they be carried over to next year when the pupils in question will have reached the normal age for their examinations. This is unfair to these pupils and distorts results from the schools concerned.

Independent schools individually have published their examination results for many years. They will continue this year's exercise of publishing them collectively through ISIS and will add GCSE results next summer. But they hope the department will amend its format so that all candidates can be included - as they are in our own system — before next year, when all schools' results will have to be reported.

Yours faithfully. DAVID J. WOODHEAD, Director, ISIS, 56 Buckingham Gate, SWI. November 18.

From Sir Alfred Sherman

Sir, The school league tables show Hackney Downs Comprehensive school at the bottom of the London Borough of Hackney's table, with no A-level passes at all.

In my day, Hackney Downs County Secondary School (known colloquially as "the Grocers", after the City livery company from whom the building had been purchased) was the flagship of opportunity in east London, the avenue for talented children, many very poor indeed: Lord Peston and Harold Pinter were among those who went there, later to kick away the ladder for others.

Like most county secondary schools, Hackney Downs owed much to the initiative of Labour party councils. Its levelling-down as a result of Crosland's vendetta against the grammar schools in the mid-sixties, conducted in the name of anti-clitism, deprived children in the area of their chance to benefit from the education expenditures, which had quadrupled, and of the chance to go on to higher education. Its contribution to children's extra-curricular advancement and the life of the area was commensurate with its academic

We East-European immigrant Jews in particular benefited from this aspect of the opportunity society. Hackney still has many Jews, but they must now look elsewhere for opportunity. Socialism and comprehensivisation have made a desert and called it equality.

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From Dr David Bowsher

Sir, "Affluence breeds academic success" reads one of your column headlines this morning, referring to the school examination "league ta-

May it not in fact be the case that intellectual (not necessarily strictly academic) success often breeds affluence? The rest is left to genetics. This seems to me the strongest argument in favour of striving to ensure equality of academic opportunity.

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UN troops in peacekeeping roles

Sir. The excellent article by Roger Boyes ("Policy vacuum leaves UK

troops with mission impossible". November 11) raises issues which

take those of us with memories and

experience of the Congo between

1960 and 1964 to the heart of all

"peacekeeping" operations which go beyond an observer or monitoring role: when, and how, do UN troops

Between 1960 and 1964 the task

for Onuc (Opération, des Nations

Unies du Congo) was to prevent the

secession of Katanga from the newly

independent Congo. Eventually, after

much confusion, and many casualties in Onuc, a brigade of the Indian army

to preserve and sustain a Muslim territorial and ethnic identity in the

face of onslaught by Serbs. There may

be wider political dimensions, but all

the ambiguities of UN resolutions

and mandates cannot disguise this

fundamental issue of Muslim sur-

tarian operations being undertaken

and in train by groups, agencies and the UN in Bosnia cannot disguise the

fact that Serbs oppose them, and will

Although, as Roger Boyes rightly

says, the attinude of the British government remains dismayingly negative, the British element of UN

forces in Bosnia has made clear the

intention to get those relief supplies to

hungry and sick Muslims, even if

force has to be employed in the

The method of conveying and

convoying relief will be to deter Serb

resistance by the deployment of

equivalent or, if possible in tactical

terms, greater military strength, sup-

ported by the international com-

munity. But, as Roger Boyes implies, no such support is being plainly and

solidly given. Why not?
Why should Trooper Jones or

Private Smith risk their lives when

their political masters take refuge in

platitudes? Why should their UN

comrades in arms do so? They should,

for the cause is just, but we are all asking a great deal from these mostly

immediately and return to the nego-

tiations sabotaged by the resort to

2. No aid of any kind will be

forthcoming from the UK unless Tbilisi abides by its CSCE undertak-

citizens regardless of ethnicity or

political opinion - the newly ap-

pointed CSCE high commissioner for

national minorities should surely play

3. There can be no question of this

country accepting a Georgian ambas-sador (planned for December) with-

out a prior peaceful settlement of the

We would judge the offer of official

hospitality to Mr Chikvaidze as mor-

ally acceptable only if the visit served

as an opportunity to impress upon

him what is expected of a civilised

society in the post-Soviet world of

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Yours sincerely

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increasingly seek to do so by force.

The genuine nature of the humani-

The issue for UN forces in Bosnia is

brought Katanga into line.

enforce their presence?

From Major-General H. M. Tillotson From Mr Anthony Verrier

Sir, Concern for the security of British troops and those of other nations in Yugoslavia is an understandable emotional activity. It must be recognised, however, that soldiers are selected for such hazardous humanitarian tasks exactly because they are trained. organised and commanded for duties of this kind. No one else is qualified to

Dr Stephen Pullinger fletter. November 14), while thoughtful for the safety of the men of the British contingent of the United Nations' force in Bosnia-Herzegovina, is mis-taken in thinking that armed forces operating under a UN peacekeeping mandate or the protective mandate of resolution 749 (1992) are in any position to enforce anything. Nor

should they be.

After being sent round the UN missions in the Middle East by the then UN secretary-general in 1978, in the brief pause after the first civil war in Lebanon, it was clear to me that three conditions must exist for UN peacekeeping or protective opera-

The fighting has ceased, or almost ceased: the warring factions crave respite, if not yet peace: and a UN presence is accepted to give breathing

To function, the UN mission must have communication with and the tacit support of all parties in the prevention of further bloodshed. Although these conditions apply in some degree to the border areas of Serbia and Croatia, where the UN

presence is assisting in pragmatic but often cruel compromise, not one applies in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Now, three things might help: Demands for UN air-strike against artillery positions should cease. Such attacks would be provocative, inflict

ineffective in that countryside. Second. UN forces on the ground should be left to establish their own strictly localised relations with the factions, so as best to carry out humanitarian missions.

civilian casualties and be largely

Third, international commercial pressure should be intensified on the Beigrade regime. It does not have widespread control, but it is the only strategic pressure point that remains.

Yours faithfully, H. M. TILLOTSON, PO Box 12, Bishop's Waltham, Hampshire. November 17.

Georgia's use of force

From Dr George Hewitt and others Sir, The British government has

shown its readiness to oppose the evils of "ethnic cleansing" by supporting UN sanctions against Serbia and by committing troops to Bosnia. This determination is to be contrasted with its attitude to events unfolding in Georgia, which we recognised in March after Eduard Shevardnadze's return and whose foreign minister, Pyotr Chikvaidze, will be in London on November 22 for a two-day visit.

Georgia has now been recognised by the EC and other Western countries; it is a signatory to the CSCE (Conference for Security and Cooperation in Europe) accords, and has been welcomed as a member of the United Nations. Despite all this, it launched a full-scale attack on the republic of Abkhazia on August 14 to prevent this region reinstituting the federative relations enjoyed with Georgia throughout the 1920s, even though negotiations on the nature of this new federation were being held at that time.

We would strongly urge the Foreign Office in its meetings with its Georgian guest to make three points abundantly clear:

1. Tbilisi must cease its use of force

Strain in depleted army From Lord Fanshawe of Richmond

Sir, As former Household Cavalry officers we wish to support Field Marshal Lord Bramall's letter of November 14 on army manpower. There is a simple and cheap way to help ease the situation: review the decision to cut the Household Division — a decision which will undermine both the finest military ceremonial in the world and the division's operational ability.

A balance is needed for sufficient training and operational soldiering to carry out the division's role as a reserve force ready for immediate use at home or overseas. This occurred during the Falklands war when both Household Cavalry and Foot Guards were in action. The balance is undermined by reducing the number of Foot Guard battalions.

The Household Cavalry is being asked to provide the same ceremonial commitment, based on one service unit instead of two. The solution is for the Life Guards or Blues and Royals to provide a much-needed third regular recce regiment for the Rapid Reaction Corps. The current pro-posals for the Household Division will not work.

Yours faithfully. FANSHAWE of RICHMOND, PAUL CHANNON. CHARLES GOODSON-WICKES. Palace of Westminster. November 15.

Clergy college From Mrs Sarah Wood and

Mrs Cathy Pullinger

Sir, In "Clergy colleges saved", by Ruth Gledhill and Paul Wilkinson (November 13), you allude to the criticism in the report "A Way Ahead" that Oak Hill College trains women inadequately.

The college attracts a good number of women students and the total number of women ordinands is only just below the recommended portion. Twenty per cent of the academic college staff are women, who are fully integrated into the educational and pastoral life of the college.

The staff are sensitive to the question of women in training and

ministry. Both men and women are free to hold their own views on this subject and are encouraged to express these with Christian love and respect. The college responds more than adequately to the training requirements for women as set out in the House of Bishops guidelines.

Yours faithfully, SARAH WOOD, CATHY PULLINGER. Oak Hill College, Chase Side, Southgate, N14. November 13.

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Patient care and dignity in death

From Miss Jean Powell

Sir. The High Court decision that doctors should be permitted to withhold Tony Bland's food and fluid (report, November 20) has emphasised the parents' wish that their son should be allowed to die with dignity. Contrary to Mr K. A. Davies's view

tletter. November 11) that such a death would be "brutal". I think it brutal to submit someone to pro-longed nasogastric feeding when there is no hope of recovery. The tube must need constant changing, his body functions need continual attention - at least an indignity and possibly worse, since no one can be sure that Mr Bland's body does not, at some level, experience pain or dis-

In such circumstances a debate on the distinctions between "life-support systems" and artificial feeding is unbelievably cruel.

Yours sincerely. J. POWELL, 20 Iris Close, Weoley Hill. Birmingham, West Midlands. November 20.

Public expenditure

From Mr Clive Bone

Sir, The government is concerned about public expenditure which stands at £244 billion. Yet it has failed to ensure the use of a proven method that can reduce costs whilst maintain-

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ing the quality of public services.

This method is known as value analysis (VA), neglected in Britain. but employed elsewhere in the world. particularly by the USA, Germany and Japan. VA invariably yields ten times its own costs and often more: New York City Council in 1987 saved \$114 million with a VA programme costing \$1.2 million.

VA is a step-by-step process that begins by analysing all the informa-tion regarding the service or product. continues with a "speculation stage" whereby improved methods are generated, and is followed by a thorough evaluation and the implementation of the improved methods.

A VA programme targeted to achieve an annual '2 per cent reduction in public spending without loss of quality or function is more than feasible, and would be worth £18 billion to the government over five years. Sadly it shows no interest in VA and insofar as VA is being promoted this is being left to the European

Yours faithfully. CLIVE BONE Clive Bone & Partners (Quality consultants), 30 Victoria Avenue,

Weekend Money letters, page 28

Heritage proposals

From Mr R. Anthony Dams

Sir, In English Heritage's "Managing England's Heritage: Setting our Priorities for the 1990s" (letters, November 20, etc.) the director writes that "we will reduce expenditure on properties in the third category (of importance) and seek to pass these over to local government" in order to make "the Heritage £ go further".

I too am setting my priorities for the 1990s and trying to make my pound go further. To this end I shall cancel my membership of English Heritage and transfer my pounds to more worthy cultural causes who are trying to extend, not contract their aims and responsibilities.

Your obedient servant, R. ANTHONY DAMS, 301 Park Lane. Selston, Nottinghamshire.

Film buffery

From Mr Peter F. Carter-Ruck

Sir. It seems clear that readers also may have a very different view of their top ten films from those of the critics (leading article, "Film literacy". November 16) and it would surely be interesting to explore this diversity. For mine, I would select (not necessarily in the following order):

Double Indemnity Casablanca La Grande Illusion Modern Times Un Homme et Une Femme I'm Alright Jack Top Hat Rebecca The Woman in the Window. Yours faithfully, PETER CARTER-RUCK. 75 Shoe Lane, EC4.

Counting the pennies From Mr Geoffrey Norris

Sir, So the Science Museum is to replace its live science information service with a cheaper postal one because "60 per cent of people merely wanted to know the way to the lavatory" (Diary, November 18). One hopes they use first-class

Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY NORRIS, Glencot, Church Hill. Horsell, Woking, Surrey. November 18.

stamps.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 20: His Excellency Mr Arthur Foulkes was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as High Commissioner for the Commonwealth of

Mrs Foulkes was also received by Her Majesty. His Excellency Mr Janis Lusis was received in audience by The Queen and presented his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraor-

dinary and Plenipotentiary from

the Republic of Latvia to the Court

His Excellency was accompanied by the following member of the Embassy: Miss Marie Anne Zarine (Counsellor).

Mrs Lusis was also received by Sir David Gillmore (Permanent

Under Secretary of State for For-eign and Commonwealth Affairs) as present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance. Mr Nigel Broomfield was re-

ceived in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Bonn.

Mrs Broomfield was also re-

ceived by Her Majesty.

Mr Justice Curtis was received by The Queen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia

of a Knight Bachelor. Mr Justice Lindsay was received by The Queen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Bachelor.

November 20: The Princess Royal this morning opened the new Rehabilitation Housing Dev-elopment, Bilsland Drive, Ruchill, Glasgow, for Maryhill Housing Association Limited and was re-ceived by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow (Mr Robert Innes, the Rt Hon the

Lord Provest.
Her Royal Highness, Patron,
Cluzens' Advice Scotland, afterwards opened the Burean's new premises at 45 George Street, Paisley, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Renfrewshire (Major David Makgill Crichton Mahland). The Princess Royal, Patron, the Burler Trust, then visited Her

Majesty's Prison Greenock at

Birthdays

TODAY: Sir Alex Alexander, former chairman, J. Lyons and Company, 76; Mr Coningsby Aliday, former chairman, British Nuclear Puels, 72; Miss Beryl Georgina Battiscombe, author, 87: Earl Beatty, 46; Mr Roy Bouiting, film producer, 79; Mr I.D. Bullmore, a director, WPP Group, 63: Miss Amella Freedman, founder, Nash Ensemble, 52; Mr Nickolas Grace, actor, 45; Dr Michael Grant, former vice-chancellor. The Queen's University. Belfast, 78: Mr Stanley Kains, founder, Dixons Group, 61: Mr Jacques Laffite, racing driver, 49: Mr Peter Liddle, racehorse trainer, 56: Miss Natalia Makarova, ballerina, 52; Viscount Monsell, 87; Mr Tim Robinson, cricketer, 34; Mr Telly Savaias, actor, 70; Earl Wakdegrave, KG, 87; Mr Mai-colm Williamson, Master of The Queen's Music, 61; Viscount Younger of Leckie, 86.

TOMORROW: The Right Rev M.E. Adie, Bishop of Guildford, 63; The Rev Lord Beaumont of Whitley, 64: Mr Boris Becker, tennis player, 25; Mr Jon Cleary,

Gateside, Mrs David Bowes Lyon was in attendance. **KENSINGTON PALACE**

November 20: The Prince of Wales this morning visited Nor-folk and was received by Captain Jonathan Peel (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolki.

His Royal Highness, Patron, Abbeyfield Society, visited the Abbeyfield Fakenham Society's House at Heath View, Norwich Road, Fakenham. The Prince of Wales. President.

The Prince's Youth Business Trust and The Prince's Trust, afterwards met grant recipients and volun-teers at Tollit and Harvey Limited. King's Lynn. Lieutenant Commander Robert Fraser RN was in attendance.

His Royal Highness was repre-sented by Sir John Riddell, Bt. at the Thanksgiving Service for Professor William Mathias which was held in St Paul's Cathedral. KENSINGTON PALACE November 20: The Princess Mar-

garet, Countess of Snowdon today visited Aberdeen and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieuzenant for the City of Aberdeen (Mr James

Her Royal Highness, Patron. Tenovus and Tenovus-Scotland, this afternoon opened the Mag-netic Resonance and Imaging Centre at Aberdeen Royal infirmary.

infirmary.

The Princes Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, Royal Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, was present this evening at the Touch of Tartan' Ball held at the Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen, in aid of the

Mrs Charles Vyvyan was in attendance YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

November 20: The Duchess of Kent today presented the prize certificates to the winners of the Tree Council's Royal Amiversary SRICCUSS WAS FOOCH AIM IN THE
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Mrs Harold Jenkins, Mr Gown Williams
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Williams (SeC, Miss Minz Weller) Trees Schools Competition at 35 Belgrave Square, London SWI. Mrs Colin Marsh was in

The Duchess of Kent, past Controller Commandant of the Women's Royal Army Corps, was represented by Brigadier Eileen Nolan at a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Brigadier Dame Mary Rallton which was held at St Michael's Church. Tethury, Gloucestershire this

novelist, 75; Mr Tom Conti, actor, 50; Mr Brian Dance, headmaster, St. Dunstan's College, 63; Mr Terry Gilliam, film animator, 52; Sir Peter Hall, former director, National Theory 62: No Section, National Theatre, 62: Mr Stephen Hough, concert pianist, 31; Sir Andrew Hundey, OM, physiologist, 75; Mrs Billie Jean King, tennis player, 49; Mrs Pat Koechlin-Strythe, showjumper, 64; Mr Wayne Larkins, cricketer, 39; Mr Neil McGrath, raceborse trainer, 36; Mr Peter McMaster, former director-general, Ordnance Survey. 61: Mr John Newman. trades unionist, 61; Mr Justice Owen, 67; Mr R.M. Reeve, headmaster, King's College School, Wimbledon, 58; the Earl of Rom-ney, 82; Sir Michael Walker, dipiomat, 76.

Royal engagements

TODAY: Prince Edward, as Patron of the Scottish Badminton Union, will attend the semi-finals of the Glasgow Carlton Scottish open championships at the Kelvin Hall International Sports Arena. Glasgow, at 3.00 and afterwards. will attend a dinner at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall.

Church services tomorrow

corpus (Bland, The Deant 11 M, Responses Strain), Collegium Regale Howellis, A Hymn for S Cerlin Howellis, Canon Michael Harmer.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 Mp. 9 HC. 10.30 S Duch, Mista Brevis Palc, 10.36 S Duch, Mista Brevis Craiestinal, Agints Del (Palestrinal, Canon Brace Diment, 6.30 S, Wood in D. For it is a spirit (Britten), Rev Sin Walter.

ST PALES CATHEDRAL: 3 MC 10.30 M Sunday Next Before Advent ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL Clywin II Choral M. Responses (Rosel, Jubiliste & Te Deum (Collegiam Regale, Howells, Ann I saw 2 new heaven (Dajaston). Rev Pr P BURNINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 11 CHOICE
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SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HG: 1! Ruds, Messe solemelle (Ingisted, Reund opportunt wis Geneilord). Listen sweet done (Ives), Rev Ted Martin; 3 E a Cathedral Construction, Durie in F. O Section convivium. Questionals, The Shings of Woolwich.

Cecilia (Broadeas) live on REC Radio 3. Congregation to be settled by 5 pm.)
CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC 9.30 M. Fr D Milroy; 11 S Byth, Missa super Bertamfint (Lassus, 1 will lift up mine fyes (Ledger), Rev N A 5 Bury; 3.15 E. Responses (Liedy, Rubbar in A file, Then has made me (Berfeley); 6.30 Sermon & Compiline, Rev J H R de Sausmannez.
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Memorial service

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Mrs Lirfys Bubb (London Weigh)

Wilsey, Colonel of The Devonshire

and Dorset Regiment, presided at the annual dinner of the officers'

association held last night at the Army and Navy Club. The Bishop of Sherborne and Bishop to the

Forces was the principal guest.

The Queen's Regiment
Major-General M.F. Reynolds,
the last Colonel of The Queen's
Regiment, presided at the
regimental dinner held last night
at the Park Lane Hotel.

HAC Major-General G.S. Hollands was

Major-General G.S. Hollands was the principal guest and speaker at the annual dinner of 2 Squadron Honourable Artillery Company and its affiliated vetezan units held last night at Annoury House. Major P.D.C. Vyvyan-Robinson presided. Major P.F. Wynter Bee and Second Lieutenant R.W. Rainbow also spoke.

WESTMENSTER ABBENT: 10 M, Boy C Semper: 11 M St Margarers Church, Bey Roger Hollowey; 11.15 Abbey Each, Rev J Goodalig S. E. R. Rev M Marchall; 5.45 Organ recital; 6.30 ES, Canon E James. (Elgar), Canon Peter Sombwell Sander.
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The Prince of Wales was repre-

sented by Sir John Riddell at a

service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr William Mathias held yesterday in St Paul's Cathedral. The Dean of St Paul's officiated, assisted by the Rev Christopher Mann, sacrist Canon Christopher Hill mad the leaven

Christopher Hill read the lesson

and Mr Kenneth Bowen read And Death shall have no Dominion by

Dylan Thomas. Dr George Guest

gave an address. The Bishop of St Davids was robed and in the sanctuary. Among others present

Service dinners

Not Under Command Clab Rear-Admiral C.H.D. Cooke-Priest, Flag Officer Naval Avi-

ation, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Not Under Command Club held last

night in HMS Osprey. Com-mander S.N. Robertson, chair-

Midland Naval Officers'

The Lord Mayor of Birmingham attended the annual dinner of the Midland Naval Officer? Association held last night at the Council House, Birmingham. Rear-Admiral J.P. Edwards, president, was in the chair.

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Joanna Foster, chair of the

Equal Opportunities Com-

mission, who is to receive an honorary doctorate of

an nonorary doctorate of letters from Kingston University. Stuart Hall, professor of sociology at the Open University, and Lord Desai, professor of economics at the London School of Economics and Political Science will be a second to the control of the control

Political Science, will also

receive honorary degrees at the university's faculty of human sciences degree ceremony at Queen Kliza-

beth Hall, London, on Monday.

Royal Coffege of Radiologists
Dr Keith Simplins delivered the
annual Skinner lecture to the
annual Skinner lecture to the
Royal Coffege of Radiologists genterday at the Royal Coffege of
Physicians after the admission of
fellows at which Professor H.K.
Bernie Huang and Professor Peter
Mansfield were admitted to
itomorary fellowship of the Royal
Coffege of Radiologists.

River Thannes Society
Mr Alan Wood, Master of the
Company of Watermen and
Lightermen of the River Thames,
accompanied by Mrs Wood, was
the guest of honour at a reception
given by the Lower Thannes Society
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Mr J.V. Booth and Mist J.C. Comy

The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place shortly abroad between James. youngest son of Mr and Mrs Bill Booth, of Englefield Green, Surrey, and Chantal, second daughter of the late Dr Anthony Coady and of Mrs Sybil Coady, of Forest Hill, London. Mr M.J.W. Daley

and Miss E.J. Hobson The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr D.W. Daley, of Cockfosters and of Mrs AJ. Reynolds, of Lyminge, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Hobson, of Chiswick. Mr C.M. Hawkins and Miss S.T. Montagu

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The engagement is announced between Roger, younger son of Mr and Mrs Michael Swales, of Bridgnorth, Shropshire, and Anne-Marie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Bullivant, of

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.H. Knight and Miss A.M. Usher-Smith The engagement is announced between Charles Henry, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robert Knight, of St Brides Major, Mid Glamorgan. and Lailey, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Merlin Usher-Smith, of Wimbish Hall, Saffron Walden

Mr S.I. McLean and Miss A.I. Davies The engagement is announced heween Stephen, on of Mr and Mrs A.L. McLean, of Natiobi, Kenya, and America, daughter of Mr and Mrs IT. Davies, of Cheltenbarn, Gloucestershire.

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Mr R.P. Tooge and Migs A.M. Godwin The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs P.T. Toone, of Rotherham, Yorkshire, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Godwin, of

Anniversaries

The Bishop of Bedford, Chairman of the Hockerili Educational ndation, was host at a dinner held last night at the Waldori Hotel after the Rev Dr John Polkinghorne, President of Queens' College, Cambridge, had delivered the 1992 Hockerill lec-DEATHS: Sir Thomas Greekam.

ture at King's College, London. International Law Association Lord Slynn of Hadley, Chairman of the Executive Council of the International Law Association, presided at a dinner held last night at the Garrick Chib.

Assistant Commissio New Scotland Yard Sir Peter Imbert, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, presided-at the annual dinner of the Assistant Commissioners' Mess. New Scotland Yard, held lest nightat New Scotland Yard.

Oil Industries Club Mr Tim Eggar, Minister for Energy, was the principal speaker at the annual dinner of the Oli Industries Club held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr V.E. Thomas, president, was in the chair and Mr Dickie Davies also

Order of St John

The Duke of Gloucester, Grand returns today from the United States where he completed a series of visits to the American Society of the Order in New York, Washington, Dallas, and San Francisco. He was accompanied by the Lord Prior (Lord Vestey), the Chancellor (Professor Anthony Mellows) and Mrs Mellows, the Hospitaller (Sir Mis Meilows, the Hospitalist (Sur Godfrey Milton-Thompson, and Lady Milton-Thompson, the Pro-vost of the Society (Reverend John Andrew), and senior officers and members of the Society.

Service luncheon The Devousible and Dogget

Regiment
The annual regimental kincheon
of the Devonshire and Donet Regiment Officers' Association was held yesterday at the New Connaught Rooms. Lieutenant-Connaught Rooms. Lieutenant-General Sir John Wilsey presided. Today
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founder of the Royal Eurhange, London, 1579; Fienry Purcell, composer, London, 1695; James Flogg, writer, the Ethick Shep-berd, Altrive, Borders, 1835; Franz Joseph I, Emperor of Ans-tria and King of Hungary, Vienna, 1916; Hermann Sudermann, white, Berlin, 1928; James Barry Hertons, Prime Minister of South Hertzog, Prime Minister of South Africa 1924-39, Presona, 1942:

Sir Chandrasekhara Raman, physicist, Nobel laurente. 1930, Bungalore, India, 1970. The first free flight in a balloon was made, Paris, 1783. The German High Sens fleet surrendered, 1918. 20 people were killed and nearly 200 injured in an IRA bomb explosios, Birmingham, 1974.

Tomorrow ' BIRTHS: Richard Neville, (The Kingmaker), Rarl of Warwick and Earl of Suisbury, 1428; Robert de Lia Saile, explorer in America.

Rouen, 1643; Diegald Stewart, philosopher, Edinburgh, 1753; Andress Hofer, Tyrolese pairior, St Leonhard, Austria, 1767; Thomas Cook, pioneer of travel agencies, Melbourne, Derbyshire, 1808; George Eliot, novelist, Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire, 1819; Justin McCarthy, novelist and historian, Cork, 1830; George Gissing, novelist, Wakefield, 1857; Cecil Sharp, founder of the English Folk, Dance Society, London, 1859; André Gide, writer, Nobel laureate 1947; Paris, 1869; Charles de Gaulle, general, President of Prance 1958-69, Lille, 1890; Hoagy Carmichael, pianist and composer, Rhomington, Indiana, 1899; Benjamin Britten, Baron Britten, Lowestoft, 1913. Leonhard, Austria, 1767; Thomas

DEATHS: Sir Martin Probisher, nevigator, Plymouth, 1594; John Tillotson, Architshop of Canter-bury 1691-94, London, 1694; Robert Clive, Baron Clive of Plassey, Governor of Bengal, commis-ted spicide, London, 1774; John Stackhouse, botanist, Bath, 1819; John Thadeus Delane, Editor of The Times 1841-77, Assot. 1879; Sir Anthur Sullivan, composer, London, 1900; Jack London, novelist, Glen Ellen, California, 1916; Lorenz Hart, song writer, New York, 1943; Sir Arthur Eddington, astronomer, Cambridge 1944; C.S. Lewis, writer, Oxford 1963; Aldous Huxley, novelist Los Angeles, 1963; John F. Kennedy, 35th American President 1961-63, assassinated, Dalles, 1963; Mae West, actress, Los Angeles, 1980.

Church news

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Mark, Clerkmoved (London).

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Cathedral (Irvin).

The Rev Frand Gencovell, Minor Canon
and Pricessor of Ripon Cathedral, and
Caspinio at the University Critique of
Ripon and York St John Ripon Campaign
to be Vicus, St Mary, Humsist (Ripon).

The Rev David Grico, Rector, Seacon?
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Canon of Ripon Cathedral.

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Bede, Wyther, Leeds: to be also to Discessor
video Adviser (Ripon).

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of Swinnow, Leeds: to be Vicus, Anadery w
New Wortley (Ripon).

RENTALS

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The St Est Richard Third, recently resined
as Sishop of Dover: to be Assistant Wishop
in the divices of Sain and Wells.
The Rev Richard Wigner, Priest-In-charge,
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SARMAND - Lilian (Florence), widow of (George) Lester Craham Bernetch, mother of Michael, Roper and Sandra, Functal Service St. Mary's Church. Stoke Bishop, Bristot, Fidey November 27th. 11.30 and. Buried Canford Centency at 12 poon. Doubless for Bristot Dogs Home way be vent to Thomas Davis Functal Directors, Southville Lodge, Bristol, 1983 1D.J. 601252-661986), MAXWELL — On 18th November 1992, peacefully, Vernon Servemon, beloved imbend of Bethy and inter of Lydin and much loved father of Pattle and Tim. Service of Remembrance at the Cauch of St. James, North Wraund, on Monday November 30th at 12 noon. No flower, Denatican. If quired, to Teibury Hospital. Gloucestochigu.

November 1992, at her house in Bovington, Herb., aged 90 years, Gindys lakergard. Funeral Service will take place at St. Lawrences Church. Bovingdon, on Tuesday 20th November at 11 mm followed by phermous Donations, if desired, in part of flowers may be made to Childhoe', c/o J. Workey (Puneral Directors) List. 49 Lawe. Lame. Hampstond (Maghoust OA42, 2552455) where further ber 17th, peacefully at home.
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DOROTHY KIRSTEN

Dorothy Kirsten American soprano, died in Los Angeles on November 18 from complications following a stroke. She was born on July 6 in Montclair. New Jersey. A number of different years are quoted for her birthdate of which 1915 is one but it could have been carlier.

ONE film brought Dorothy Kirsten a public far beyond the audiences at America's leading opera houses. This was The Great Caruso. Mario Lanza was Caruso and Kirsten the screen soprano who, somewhat improbably, seemed to partner him every time he sang at The Met. The film was ridiculed in 1951 by certain opera buffs, but it made MGM a substantial amount of money and has kept its popularity. Jose Carreras is in the habit of saying that a childhood visit to The Great Caruso first sparked his desire to be an international tenor. Among those less keen on Dorothy Kirsten's screen appearance was the then general manager of The Met. Rudolf Bing, who did not much like one of his leading sopranos flirting with Hollywood. He had already had difficulties with Helen Traubel, a decade

But on a number of occasions Dorothy Kirsten had helped him out when the going became rough and the

or so older than Kirsten, who

had a penchant for singing in

night clubs. Smoke, Bing reck-

oned, got not only in the eyes

but in the voice.

1961-2 season, Leontyne Price found the role of Minnie in Puccini's La fanciulla del West too taxing for her and Kirsten was called to the

> Bing, if he had looked at Dorothy Kirsten's musical history, might have spotted that the cameras would have held their attractions. She was first spotted and helped at the start of her career by another American soprano, Grace Moore. No one had been more adept than Miss Moore in combining a career at The Met with one on screen. One Night of Love in the 1930s had the same popular success
> as The Great Caruso.
> The young Dorothy Kirsten
> supported her studies at the

Juilliard by working for a telephone company and later acting as maid and secretary to her singing teacher. Grace Moore heard her sing on radio, when she was set on a musical comedy career, and helped pay for further opera study with Astolfo Pescia in ltaly. In 1947 Kirsten was to acknowledge her sponsor by taking the title role of Charpentier's Louise at The Met and dedicating the per-formance to Grace Moore -Louise had been one of Moore's greatest roles and one that she had filmed.

The tiny part of Pousette in Massenet's Manon was the one in which Dorothy Kirsten made her stage debut, in Chicago in 1940. She moved to the New York City Opera in 1944 and the following year made her first appearance at The Met, as Mimi. There she

breakthrough came with the

creation of Pegasus, the com-

bined team of Oxford and

Cambridge, and he was pre-

ferred to Weir for their first

entry into the Amateur Cup in

1948. The history of Pegasus

was meteoric, romantic and

brief, withering by the early 1960s. But Brown's contribu-

The club won the cup in

their third season, 1950-51.

tion was notable.

was to stay, with only a couple of breaks, until her official farewell as Tosca on New Year's Eve, 1975. She was reckoned to be the first prima donna to celebrate a 30th anniversary with the house.

Although Dorothy Kirsten appeared in some contemporany opera, including Walton's Troilus and Cressida, she was a specialist in the popular lyric roles, especially of Puccini. Mimi and Butterfly led to Tosca and the Minnie of She was impressive too in

the nineteenth century French

repertory and made several

forays into more popular music. She appeared on screen with Bing Crosby in Mr. Music and recording with Gordon MacRae. She had her own radio show and made regular appearances on television and in the concert hall. But the career was very much an American one. She was heard linle overseas, although she did achieve notoriety as the first American soprano to sing in the Soviet Union after the war. This was in 1962 when relations between the two countries were

link "in the chain of friendship". After she retired from the stage Dorothy Kirsten wrote her biography A Time To Sing (1982) and devoted her energies to helping those who were suffering from Alzheimer's disease, which caused the death of her husband, John Douglas French, a neurosurgeon, in 1989.

defeating the legendary Bish-op Auckiand 2-1, thanks in

part to Brown's remarkable

penalty save from Dexter Ad-

ams minutes from time in the

semi-final against Hendon at

Highbury, enabling a replay

and victory. A fortnight later

at their nadir. The director of

the Tiflis Opera hailed her as a

BRIAN HARVEY

Brian Harvey, features editor of The Daily Telegraph 1960-76, died on November 5 aged 78. He was born on April 14. 1914.

BRIAN Harvey possessed, some cynics would say, the most important pre-requisite for a satisfactory career in Fleet Street journalism: a private income. For a time ne dabbled in race-horse carning. It pleased him to have a hobby more litting for newspaper proprietors than for newspaper employees.

One way or another he carned a place as a Fleet Street character while he was features editor of The Daily Telegraph. According to one standing joke, it is was a post akin to being Holy Roman Emperor when there was not much of an empire left; one of the peculiarities of the Telegraph at that period was that it had few features, in the journalistic sense of the word, to

edit But Harvey was an important - sometimes alarmingly important - figure because of another peculiarity of the way the paper was then organised. It was run almost as if it were two entities, one a hard-nosed newspaper, competing to some extent with the tabloids and with no false pride about reporting sex and violence, and the other a paper that competed in the quality market, led by The Times, in providing commentary on politics, the arts and current

Relations between these two schools of journalism conducted under the same roof could be hostile. Harvey, combative, prickly, slightly bureaucratic.

The Rev George

Hoffman, OBE, founder

of Tear Fund. was killed

in a road accident near

Gloucester on October 16.

aged 59. He was born in

Birkenhead on August 27

1933.

affairs.



saw his role as fighting the corner putting down markers for the when commonsense would prevail and the two sides would come together. But his abrasive style could be counter-productive.

It was not a case simply of the hostility that can exist on many newspapers, sometimes to their benefit, between tough professionals and starry-eyed mellectuals. The news side of the Telegraph did not lack intellectual calibre and had plenty of people who were seasoned professionals by any newspaper criterion. In any case Harvey, a stern upholder of traditional journalistic disciplines, saw his duty as keeping the "other side" up to scratch. Contributors who failed to meet a deadline tended, after an interview with Harvey. never to be late a second time.

In the eyes of the news men Harvey had the disqualification of an Oxford education. But he was a newspaper pro at his best in a crisis, jacket off, head down, ashtray at the ready, despatching copy fast

REV GEORGE HOFFMAN

and accurately and imaginatively. In the right mood he could get through in a couple of hours what was a day's work for some of his colleagues. And those couple of hours would probably have included a session pouring over the form books he took his horse racing seriously.

Frustrated by being, as he saw it. under-used he was exposed to the best known occupational hazard of Fleet Street. He became one of the most familiar denizens of the King and Keys pub. which was among the earthier establishments catering for journalists in Fleet Street's heyday. Conversation there of an evening could sometimes be fiere: and stimulating. Sometimes it was just fierce. In his Oxford days Harvey was reckoned to have been violently left-wing. His views changed but the violence remained.

Harvey's first wife, by whom he had a son, had died in 1960. His home in a sense became the K and K, and the hours spent there got longer once it became clear that his dream of succeeding to the editorship of the paper, and presiding over the merging of the "two-sides", would never

happen.

By that time tension had been focused into a bitter personal battle between Harvey and an equally redoubt-able figure. Peter Eastwood, who headed the news side. Eastwood, relatively teetotal and unhampered by an Oxbridge background, effectively won the struggle.

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Harvey was also pre-de-ceased by his second wife. Shelagh McCormick, who was the paper's local govern-

BEN BROWN

Mimi on the same stage as the

flamboyant Ljuba Welitsch as Musetta in Bohème. Munsei

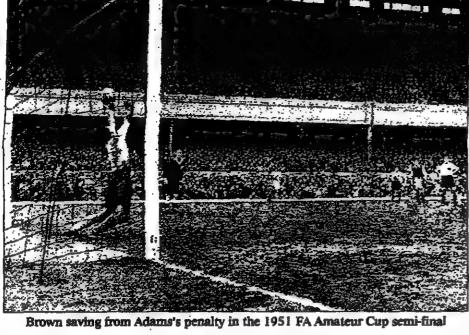
fled and Kirsten stood in for her. Some years later, in the

Ben Brown, chemist amateur international lkeeper and fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, died on September 28 aged 66. He was born on January 3, 1926.

BEN Brown was the son of a Yorkshire miner, who died in mining accident when his child was only five. Brown, who was brought up by a mother determined to give him the best possible education, epitomised the socialtransformation of the post-war years. He was an early beneficiary of the liberalisation of Oxford and Cambridge entry. His shy nature, unchanging

with success, disgulsed the many abilities that made him a path-beater for a new generation, whose interests he work and play until prema-turely struck down by motor neurone disease, ironically the same affliction suffered by a fellow Oxford international sportsman, John Tanner.

Excelling at science at Mexborough Grammar School — and becoming a fluent reader of French and German — Ben Brown won a county scholarship to Oxford where he obtained a first in chemistry in 1947. In collaboration with D Ll. Hammick, his Oriel tutor and a fellow of the Royal Society.



his research work for his DPhil led to frequent papers in the Journal of the Chemical Society. This prominence earned him an 1851 Exhibition senior scholarship at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he developed research in the organic field of vegetable and insect pigments and related dves.

situation tricky. Once was when Patrice Munsel, an at-

tractive but lightweight sopra-

no in the Deanna Durbin

mould, took fright at singing

Returning to a fellowship at Oriel in 1954, Brown

launched into independent research of heterocyclic oxygen compounds and dangerous carcenogenic nitrosamines. Up to the time of his death he was working on a book on aliphatic nitrogen compounds.

When Brown first arrived at Oxford, the goalkeeping pos-ition in the university XI was occupied by the well-estab-lished Colin Weir. Brown's

he was awarded the first of seven England caps against Scotland. His reliability was so undemonstrative that it seemed at times he was unaware of his achievements, so that he was a target for the irreverent humour that was always present in the team. Off the field, his own wry comments, barely audible, were often a foil to the boistrous exaggerations of Harold Thompson, Oxford physics professor and the team's featurier Brown's performances won

Olympic team of 1952. The following year Pegasus won the cup again, defeating Harwich 6-0, the final again drawing 100,000 spectators to Wembley as the dreamhorse took wing.
In 1985 Brown became

chairman of the university senior treasurer's committee. the body funding 60 university sports clubs, and he did much to promote the interests of women's sport. In 1963 he married Hilda Imlach, fellow of St Hilda's College, Oxford, by whom he is survived.



GEORGE Hoffman, created The Evangelical Alliance Relief (TEAR) Fund and, as its director, guided its fortunes for its first 21 years. He saw its first year's income of £34,000 grow to £15 million before he moved on. An only child of Christian

parents, he left Birkenhead School with no academic distinction worth mentioning and spent his national service

Despite his upbringing, he had little interest in the Christian faith but went through a "Damascus Road" conversion at a fairly typical evangelistic rally in the RAF. Soon after his return to civilian life, while working in a commercial arts studio, he became conscious of a call to the Church of England's ministry and set about acquiring, in the early mornings, the necessary qualifications to gain entry to Bristol University where he read The-

ology. Ordained in 1961, by



Mervyn Stockwood, he married, and served curacies in fore being appointed assistant secretary of the Evangelical Alliance and assistant editor of Crusade magazine, which was a lasting legacy of the 1954 Billy Graham Harringay crusade. One day in 1968. Morgan Derham, the secretary, handed him a file marked "EA Refugee Fund" and Tear Fund was born.

It is no secret that Evangelicals, both inside and outside the Church of England, had at that time a strong suspicion about relief and aid agencies like Christian Aid and Hoff-

man threw all his energies into changing that attitude. A year before, he had been one of the youthful agitators who had transformed the Keele Congress into a watershed for Anglican Evangelicals and through Tear Fund he cap-tured the idealism of a whole generation whose eyes were opened to the dimension of tragedy on a global scale. involving famine, flood, earthquake, and a massive refugee problem. Hoffman crisscrossed the world.

His face could move from pain and horror to humour in a few seconds. His voice could be strong, gentle, full of passionate intensity and yet the underlying Merseyside wit a good journalist

It was a recipe which caught the attention of thousands of Christian people and turned their minds to the alleviating of human need across the world. Money poured in. In 1989 Hoffman was ap-

pointed OBE. After more than two decades, he parted company with his brainchild and was appointed vice president of Samaritan International. an American relief and development agency.

He leaves a widow and three daughters.

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MONTE CARLO AND THE STRESS OF WAR

IFROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT MONTE CARLO, NOV 15

According to established precedent. November 15 is the date on which the gambling season should open at Monte Carlo. On that day, Monaco's official jour de fere, the bathing season being over and done with, the greatly decorated gentlemen of the "Conseil d'Administration de la Société des Bains de Mer" begin to take themselves and their duties very seriously. On that day all the officials of the Casino, from the guardians of the outer courts to the least of the detectives that stand behind the croupiers, begin to take note of the first gathering of worshippers at the shrine of the fickle goddess. But Monte Carlo has suffered the common fate; for the moment its accustomed business and pleasures have sunk to trivial insignificance, all forgotten in humanity's urgent issues of life

To-day, on November 15, at the hour when, in normal times, the world of frivolous sport and fashion would be moving lowards its Palace of Golden Dreams, I sat outside the

ON THIS DAY

November 21 1914



This anticle appeared to reflect the opinion held in many quarters that the war would be

Café de Paris, reflecting on the whirligig of Time and the pitiful destinies of man which had made this for once an appropriate and comfortable place for meditation . . .

Nowhere was there any sign of Petrograd or Chicago, London or Paris, in pursuit of exchement: even the Rue de la Paix was conspicuous by its absence. In fact, probably for the first time within the memory of living man, the Monegasque had retained possession of his own at a season when he is usually expected to abandon the stage and seat himself respectfully in the audience.

Today the aboriginal londs for tenantst of the soil, the 23,000 permanent inhabitants of the Principality of Monaco, were enjoying an unwonled usulfuet. They who, when Croesus. Midas and Lalage roll up in spendour to the Fane of Fortune, are accustomed to look from afar as poor relations and humble beneficiaries were now enjoying undisputed possession of their heritage

Making my way out through the solemn place where magisterial clerks are wont to scrutinise the apparel and social standing of applicants for cards of admission to the Casino (that place from which a Prime Minister of England was once turned away because of his unfashionable and somewha dowdy appearance). I observed that a large portion of its space was occupied by a very excellent map of Europe, all nearly decked with many-coloured flags, while above it hung several striking specimens of the French cartoonist's conceptions of the personality and proceedings of his Majesty the Emperor Wilhelm: from which I gathered that despite all previous experience to the contrary, the croupier, too, is human, and that even in this independent Principality of Monaco the flowing tide of war on the fields of Flanders is a matter more absorbing than the fortunes of rouge et noir or trente et quarante . . .



NEWS

Gatt deal lifts trade war threat

Europe and America broke the two-year deadlock over farm subsidies with a deal that lifts the threat of a transatlantic trade war and brings hope of a boost to world economies.

Negotiators said they had resolved their differences on the main issues and expected that the breakthrough would work. "A trade war has been averted," Frans Andriessen, the EC's external affairs commissioner said Pages 1, 10

Blaze damages Windsor Castle

■ More than 200 firefighters and 35 appliances were last night still battling to contain a blaze which severely damaged the state apartments at Windsor Castle threatening one of the

Winter gloom

Ministers were under renewed pressure to intensify their efforts to promote economic recovery after Labour predicted that without swift action 250,000 more jobs would be lost this winter...

Rail strike threat

The spectre of a protracted bout of industrial action hung over the railways as rail union leaders began preparations for a series of lightening strikes in protest over plans to lay-off 5,000 Page 2

Sex killer jailed

A lodger who crept into a fouryear-old boy's bedroom at night and strangled him into silence while sexually assaulting him was jailed for life. James Cochrane. 25. was found guilty of murdering Matthew Robinson at his parents' Devon boarding house..... ... Page 5

Whiff of scandal

The investigation into the perfume industry announced by the Monopolies and Mergers Com-

mission could threaten the large profit margins of the fragrance houses and shatter their image of exclusivity Page 6

Anglican hope

Proposals to enable disaffected Anglicans to remain within the Church of England are being drawn up by the Bishop of London, Dr David Hope, He led 12 bishops in issuing a statement which acknowledged the "considerable anxiety, distress and hurt"..... Page 7

Blockade agreed

Nato yesterday agreed to enforce the United Nations trade embargo on the rump Yugoslavia, giving its vessels in the Adriatic power to stop and search merchant ships suspected of violating the ban

Sanctions bite

Iraq has been plunged into its most serious economic disarray since sanctions were imposed two years ago, with differences over policy emerging inside the regime of President Saddam Hussein Page 11

Mother, 18, took dead baby home

A teenage mother who was allowed by a Liverpool hospital to take home the body of her stillborn baby boy became hysterical after she bathed and clothed the body and laid it in a crib. The child was born 16 weeks prematurely and the mother was allowed to take him as therapy......Page I



Thumbs up: students from Thames Valley University in Park Lane, London, taking part in a sponsored hitch-hike to Paris in support of Children in Need. The organisers hope to raise £20,000 from the 500 hikers taking part

Mortgages: National Home Loans has reported record losses of £146 million for the year to end-September and warned 57,000 mortgage holders its increased cost of borrowing means it has to keep mortgage rates high..... Page 19

Markets: Shares closed within five points of their all time high as the FT-SE 100 index jumped 26.2 points to 2732.4 in response to reports that a Gatt deal had been reached. The pound slipped from \$1.5339 to \$1.5219 and gained nearly half a pfennig against the mark to 2.4221 Page 22

SPORT

Rugby: Australia, the world champions, take on the optimistic Welsh. Shaken by defeats at Swansea and Llanelli and a hard-earned victory against Wales B, the Australians will be looking to end their tour on a high note before meeting the Barbarians...

Dark side of the moon: Pink Floyd,

says rock critic David Sindair, have "turned out to have a curious and unexpected resonance in the 90s". Just as well, perhaps: eight CDs of the group's finest bours have just been issued. And for those who really want a dose of Sixties nostalgia. Bob Dylan has a new album, the first since 1962 to feature the master's voice accompanied by nothing except his own guitar and harmonica......Weekend Page 16

Battle of the consumptives: Rival recordings of Verdi's opera La Traviata are issued at the same time: will it be all-American Cheryl Studer or sultry Slovak Edita Gruberova that gets the thumbs-...... Weckend Page 16

Strindberg sung: As part of the Barbican's Scandinavian Festival, part of a new opera setting Strindberg's A Dream Play receives its. British premiere in London tomorrow........Weekend Page 16

SIMON JENKINS

I can see no point at all in the bizarre school league tables published last Thursday. The listing of the "best and worst" schools in England was so grotesque I wondered if it was meant as a coded lesson in unfairness Page 14

CHRIS HOPSON

What would an arts council of the airwaves do? . . . It would create an internal market and split programme purchasers from providers. But it is also a Trojan horse for many who are outright opponents of the BBC. It would mean the death of the BBC by a thousand . Page 14

DANIEL JOHNSON

An examination of the myths and disputes surrounding the burial of the most famous pharoch, on the anniversary of the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb Page 14

Commonsense victory

At the last minute, the world's most powerful industrial countries have backed away from economic catastrophe. The deal announced in Brussels yesterday to end the bitter dispute between America and the European Community over agricultural trade brooks of no opposition by France - whose farm minister denounced it last night or any other government . Page 15.

Dr Leonard's cail

As an act of principle, Dr Graham Leonard's personal defiance of the General Synod's decision to ordain women should command respect. But, at this delicate time when most Anglicans are struggling to reconcile the imperatives of conscience with a sincere desire for unity, Dr Leonard's clarion call for a mass defection to Rome is an ill-advised. coup de théaire.....

Simon Rattle with a portrait of Carl Nielsen showing how his symphonies relate to the great Danish composer's life...... Weekend, page 18

Pon nostalgle: They don't write them like that any more. Tony Parsons mourns the passing of the great pop song and wonders what nineties nostalgia merchants wil find... .. Page 4

Fundamental laws: No smoking no drinking, no immodesty at Bob Jones University in South Carolina but dating is allowed as long as there's a chaperone. Kate Muir visits America's most doctrinain college...

Check-out: Ensure that you're not a square this winter by bouncing your checks. Our fashion story tells Postmires' knock: it's not ask less tess that come through the post you may get a carved stone, a piece you may get a carved stone. A piece of bast or a home — all stimped and franked Mail art is praintly home. brought up to date Page 3

Cook early: Join Frances Bisself and the cooks inspired by tomorrow's collect Stir up we beseck thee, O Lord ... and make The Times Christmas pudding . Page 5 Blicer Chies It has more to do with gear than gears think leather think metal, buy a bandana, listen to Leader of the Pack and you're almost there...

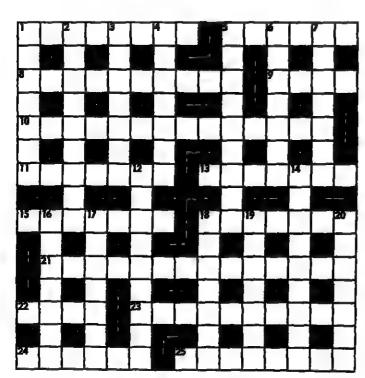
Alan Coren: Visions of immortality open up - could he be the next Jyrki Korhonen? Or will be and up with egg over his face? Page 15

Taking part in a UN-backed navel blockade of Yugodavia is the right step for the US - USA Today The blockade of Yugoslavia is a step in the right direction. Even it's will not halt the slaughter immedistely, at least an enforced blockade will hamper the Serbian war effort - The Washington Time

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- 1 Soldiers beginning to show practical ingenuity (8).
- 5 Retiring in two ways (6). 8 Qualities needed on the stage
- 9 In the long run it covers one (4).
- 10 Wood was once thought to be a material with very little resis-tance (14). II Measure taken by governor to-
- gether with new king (7). 13 Upset, purist daughter cracked
- 15 Worried, as food's beginning to get spoiled by rot (7).
- 18 Parcel I sent out in duplicate (7).
- 21 Decide to come to terms with a person's thinking (4,2,4,4).
- 22 Service return takes love game 23 Infliction of punishment (10).
- 24 The goddess in the mountain stirred (6).
- 25 Reused an unconventional submarine (8)

Outrageous suggestion, exposed originally in salesmen's lies (7).

Concise Crossword, page 20 Weekend section Solution to Puzzle No 19.076 Solution to Puzzle No 19.081

2 Display work of art – outstanding example (4-5).

3 Discover a foreign land (7).

London (3,4).

rebellion (7).

the capital (7).

lar period (7).

men (9).

4 Reduced rake-off away from

5 Calumnies disseminated about

6 He hesitates to obtrude, perhaps

7 Iron hand required in prison in

12 Topping technique (9). 14 State sailing centre with connec-

tions to public services (9).

17 Escort put into a new suit (4.3).

18 Absconded to appear on stage in

19 Game permit, say, over a particu-

20 Articles written about church-man wind up in the supplements (7).

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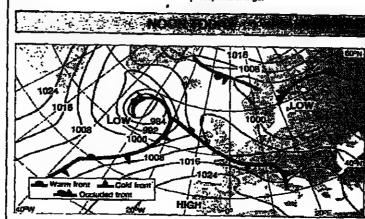
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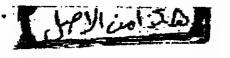
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More than 62 per cent of the population are average of £90,000, this week says

TEMPTATION

Remortgaging is figure rates, but costs could outweigh benefits
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KEY MEMBERS



Pension fund members are not "poor old Aunt Neilies" — they are companies' bread

NO RELIEF



fellow trustees at Comic Relief are aware they are legally liable if the charity goes into debt Page 26

THE POUND

US dollar 1.5202 (-0.0123) German mark 2.4224 (+0.0069) Exchange index 78.4 (same)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share 2035.9 (+18.1) FT-SE 100 2732.4 (+26.2) New York Dow Jones 3223.31 (+13.78)* Tokyo Nikkei Avge 17033.60 (+162.29)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Basa. 7%
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3-month eligible bills. 6%-6%%
US: Prime Rate: 6%
Federal Funds. 2%%
3-month Treasury Bills: 3.18-3.17%
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Brent (Dec) \$19.40/bbl (\$19.40)

RETAIL PRICES RPI: 139.9 October (1967=100)

The release was detailed enough to Yesterday, the three juniors had to disclose that "two were clear white, one admit a terrible mistake had been made.



NATIONAL Home Loans has plunged to a record loss of £146 million and admitted that it has to keep its mortgage rates high for its 57,000 borrowers to pay the costs of funding and restore profitability.

The loss in the year to end-

September was caused by bad debt provisions of £139 million and compares with a loss of £48 million last time. The losses have slashed NHL's net assets to just £11 million, implying that its shares and preference shares are virtually worthless. Jonathan Perry, the chairman, said that the group might fall into negative worth

early next year.

NHL's mortgage rate is currently 12.15 per cent, making it one of the most expensive mortgage lenders in Britain. It is planning to cut rates to 10.8 per cent at the start of next month, but even that will at least 2.25 per cent higher than most building

Mr Perry said NHL was forced to charge high rates because the cost of its bank

NAZMU Virani, the former

chairman of Control Securi-

ties, the property group, was yesterday charged with 14

and false accounting relating

to the collapse last year of the Bank of Credit and Com-

The charges, brought by the City of London Police and the

Serious Fraud Office, relate to

sterling and US dollar trans-

actions worth almost £30

A specimen charge was

brought in March against Mr

Virani and Mohammad

Haque, a former BCCI execu-

tive, after raids on Control Securities' beadquarters and

A warrant was issued yester

day for the arrest of Mr

Haque. He is believed, howev-

er, to be in Pakistan, with

which Britain has no extradi-

tion arrangements. After a

Mr Virani's home.

merce International.

Virani faces 14

BCCI charges

into the red. Its 12.5 per cent mortgage rate is one of the most expensive in Britain

borrowing had risen by 1.7 percentage points in the past two years, since banks now viewed the company as high risk. He said the company had widened its lending margins in an attempt to generate more income, although it had passed on "a substantial portion" of the reduction in base

rates to its borrowers.

He added: "Margins are wider, but they take account of our increased funding costs and we have to restore the base of this company."
He said that NHL wanted

to make itself more competitive again, to prevent losing too many borrowers, and that it had taken "quite a big chunk" off its rates. Next month's cut does not take into account the most recent fall in base rates, and Mr Perry said the company might agree to reduce mortgage charges again early next year. During

year-long SFO investigation.

conspiring with Mr Haque to

defraud BCC1 depositors. It is

alleged that he caused and

permitted bogus loans and charges to be shown in BCCI

accounts using Virani com-

panies and provided false documents to Price Water-

He was also charged with

Liechtenstein company.

the year, NHL has made strenuous efforts to contact the estimated 12,000 customers who are in arrears with their mortgages. A team of 120 telephone operators make 80,000 calls a month to remind them that payments are due. This has increased the proportion of cash the group collects from homeowners in arrears from 61 per cent last year to 76 per cent in

NHL had to provide £48 on mortgages during the year and another £27 million on the fall in the value of houses that have been repossessed. Most of the remaining provisions were made in National Mortgage Bank, the business and consumer lending subsidiary, which is being wound

Mr Perry said the recent three point cut in interest rates company and he was confident it would survive. Earlier this year NHL's banks agreed a £540 million loan until 1995, and the group is finalising an deal with holders of its mark bonds that will extend them until 1995 at a

higher interest rate.
"Things look black, but i am much more cheerful than I was in February. The banks have supported us after a most extensive review, and everyone who sees the company goes away impressed. If the housing market perks up we will be

smiling," he said. Mr Perry, a former mer-chant banker, has reduced house to hide the relationship annual costs to £16 million. The number of staff has fallen from by more than 100 to 421. He has also encouraged one count of theft of £674,998.94 in September the group to offer its services as 1987 from Zelva Anstalt, a a consultant and yesterday it was hired to advise a Chy firm on mortgage securitisation.

The other 12 charges are joint charges with Mr Haque When NHL's troubles began late in 1991 it abanand relate to false accounting. The original charge against doned any attempt at new Mr Virani. alleging conspiralending, and during the year cy with Mr Haque and others the group saw its customer to faisify accounts to the value base shrink by more than 10,000 as some borrowers of \$4 million, will be withredeemed their mortgages drawn when Mr Virani appand the group sold many of its ears before City of London



Lloyd's pursues peace offensive

PETER Middleton, the newly installed chief executive of Lloyd's, has won more breathtures to loss-making names by against all who have outstanding debts to the market.

He had aiready achieved a six-month moratorium on issuing writs against 3,000 names with debts due this autumn. Now he has extended the delay to an additional 196 names with writs already

Mr Middleton said yesterday that the suspension of writs would aid the process of "lowering the temperature" between Lloyd's and angry names. He hoped discussions about an arbitrated settlement of disputed losses could begin in the new year. Lloyd's wanted to avoid three or four years of litigation.

However, he gave warning that the concessions did not mean Lloyd's had become a soft touch. "There are a few people who want to destroy Lloyd's and we will fight them

all the way," he said.

Mr Middleton also announced that in future, foreseeable tax rebates to names could be included as assets for meeting Lloyd's solvency requirements. That would allow at least 1,000 names to carry not otherwise have done so.

There was an enthusiastic response from names' representatives. Val Powell, chief executive of the Association of Lloyd's Members, said: "Peter ed on these moves." Christopher Stockwell, of the Lloyd's Names Association, said: "It would be a churlish person who said that what has been offered is not enough." Tom

ERM reshuffle on the cards

sponsible for calling meetings

magistrates on December 1.

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

European exchange-rate mechanism could take place this weekend, after tension triggered by Sweden's de-cision on Thursday to float the krona, currency analysts said. Michel Sapin, the French foreign minister, and Jean-Claude Trichet, chairman of the monetary committee. which co-ordinates policy moves, yesterday met Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, fuelling speculation that an ERM move was imminent. As Brit-

A REALIGNMENT of the of the monetary committee. The expected realignment is likely to involve devaluation of the weaker members of the ERM grid — the peseta, the escudo and the punt - although the I rish election could make a punt realigment politikrone, also under pressure, is not expected to be included in the changes, nor would the French franc. The Norwegian krone, pegged to the ecu, is also under pressure. ain holds the Community presidency, Mr Lamont is re-

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Sapin: fuelled speculation

don't use?

Benyon, of the Society of Names, said Mr Middleton "deserves congratulations for changing the mood at

Twinkle, twinkle . . . nothing there

BY COLIN CAMPBELL MINING CORRESPONDENT

ALL that glisters is not gold, nor is every chip a diamond, as speculators in Canadian mining shares have found to their cost, after what has been called "a mistake that has to go down in the business hall of fame as the most

embarrassing ever made". . Last week, three junior Canadian exploration companies - SouthernEra Resources, Aber Resources and Commonwealth Gold Corporation — jointly announced in Toronto that exploration drilling in the remote Lac de Gras region of the Northwest Territories had revealed five micro diamonds".

yellow, and one deep yellow. A clear, deep yellow octahedral microdiamond crystal was also found." To enlighten the uneducated, the release said a number of "kimberlitic pyrope garnet, chromite, chrome diopside, eclogitic garnet and ilmenite grains (sic)" had been recovered.

The Canadian mining scene, already twinkling with unbridled enthusiasm that Canada might turn into a serious diamond producer, was ecstatic. After all. the world's seasoned mining giants. including Britain's RTZ, Australia's BHP, and the grand-diamond-daddy of them all, De Beers, are also hunting in Canada. So the general thought was that if the "jumors" can find gleaming stones, the "big boys" cannot be far behind.

Of the five diamonds "found", only three were natural stones. The other two stones had fallen off the industrial diamond drill bit! Their shares, which had earlier risen like rockets, came down like sticks. Lee Barker, vice-president of Southern-

Era, clearly begged investors' indulgence when he explained that "the diamonds in the drill bit turned pale yellow from a darker greenish-yellow during drilling, throwing the researchers off". "It has been a kind of honest mistake,"

Mr Barker proferred. Robert Weinberg, mining analyst at Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, neatly summed up London's bemused reaction: "One only needs to add a little sex to

the story to make the latest news from the diamond rush in the Northwest Territorities worthy of a Feydeau farce."

US company to offer 350 jobs in £10m components factory

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

AN American-owned engineering company is to recruit 350 people to operate a £10 million components plant in Ilkeston, Derbyshire.

Chromalloy UK said a fur ther 300 jobs could be created at an existing plant at Somercotes, also in Derbyshire, if its parent company. part of the Sequa Corporation. could be persuaded to reject rival locations in continental Europe. Graham Purdy. Chromalloy's human re-sources manager, said: "If we don't invest now, then when the recession does come to an end - and please God it does - we are not going to be in a

position to go forward." The

decision was not influenced by increases in capital allowances announced by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, in his budget. But tax relief would be welcome, he said. The new plant, in a 188,000 sq ft factory, will

make parts for gas turbines. Production will rise over the next 12 months as machinery is installed. Much of the output will be exported to customers ranging from turbine makers, such as General to individual airlines.

Chromailoy undertakes the overhaul, repair and coating of components in UK plants at Eastwood, Nottinghamshire, and Somercotes. Together they employ 475 people.

Mr Purdy said Chromalloy was seeking grant aid for the plant from the trade and industry department. The company would also like to extend its Somercotes plant to introduce an advanced-technology coating process, creat-

☐ Nearly 250 new jobs were announced yesterday at Sellafield. Shepley Engineering, of Workington, Cumbria. said it wanted about 100 extra construction workers to complete a contract for a gas-fired power station. British Nuclear Fuels will offer 120 apprenticeships to young people.

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Government raises £1.3bn in debt sale

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE government announced yesterday that its auction of debt in privatised companies was almost five times oversubscribed, as City institutions and the companies involved rushed to pay high prices for the bonds

Barings, the merchant bank handling the auction, said the sale had raised £1.34 billion cash to help fund the government's spending programme, against a target £1.25 billion.

Barings was forced to in-crease the amount sold because it was committed to selling complete tranches of debt. The successful bidders were chosen by the amount of premium they were prepared to pay for the debt.

The success of the auction still leaves the government with more than £2.5 billion in unsold debt. This is expected to be offered in future sales, when the debt in the electricity companies can be offered to

third parties. Four issues of BT debt were sold with BT buying two worth £320 million. It was unsuccessful in its bids for at least two other issues, since it had agreed to bid for bonds worth

a minimum £750 million. UBS Phillips & Drew, the securities house, became the largest single buyer, with a £220 million Eurobond issue. Goldman Sachs, the American firm, bought a £180 milpected to sell their debt to international investment institutions, which will be attracted by the yield and security of the

PowerGen, Scottish Hydro-Electric and Scottish Power were the other successful bidders, buying debt with a face value of £408 million. Four other electricity companies made unsuccessful offers. while five refused to hid at all.

PowerGen said yesterday it had paid a premium of £19 million over the £150 million face value of its issue, but that its successful bid would still save it £4 million a year in reduced interest costs.

In all, Barings received 30 bids for the debt worth a total £5.78 billion. These comprised 11 bids from six securities firms for BT Eurobonds and 19 bids by the companies for their own debt.

The debt was sold at an average premium of 18 per cent over face value since it carries interest rates from 11.4 to 12.25 per cent. Cliff Haddy. assistant director at Barings. said the successful bidders paid an average 17 basis points above the reserve prices, which is high in relation to similar debt auctions.

"We designed the auction to ensure that there was a level playing field and the results speak for themselves. There was no dominant group in the auction," said Mr Haddy.

BT poised for ringing response

investors to get their chequebooks ready before the next — and, possibly, last — of HMG's public offering of all (or part) of its 22 per cent residual stake in BI could well lead to early queues forming outside banks and building societies.

if base rates continue to determined they will, and if the rate of dividends BT pays continues to advance, as the 7.9 per cent increase in BT's interim suggests it should, demand for BI3 should be

lavestors who subscribed for the first public offering of BT shares in November 1984, at 130p now see BT shares at 3954 p. The second offering to the public in December 1991.

was at 335p a share, of which the third and final instalment of 105p a share is due in March. · Publication earlier this month of the interim results of BT, chaired by Jain

Vallance, for the six months ended September showed pre-tax profits down from £1.61 billion to £1.03 billion. and net earnings back from 17.4p to 10.1p a share. The interim dividend, however, rose from 5.7p to 6.15p a After a weak first quarter,

there was evidence of an underlying improvement in BT's second quarter. There were suggestions that the improved trend continued in October, although

this has not stopped analysts

expecting 1993 pre-tax profits



Share alert: Iain Vallance sets the tone for BT offer

to fall, from £3.07 billion pretax in 1992 to £2.65 billion. The total dividend should still rise from 14.4p to, say, 15.6p a share. Pre-tax profits in 1994 could rise to £3.45

BT3 is likely to be launched with a host of incentives to roll up and buy", and although market conditions and the government's finan-cial needs will dictate just when and at what price the next offer will be made, BT's prospective yield of 5.7 per cent based on 1994 dividend

ready suggests a

National Express

THIS weekend is a busy one for National Express, the bus group, and its advisers. They have to decide what price to put on the shares when they are placed around the City and offered to the public on

bear in mind that the flotation is largely for the company's benefit. At the moment. its balance sheet has a negative net worth of almost £11 million, a black hole that needs to be filled in.

About 29 million of the money raised will be used to redeem existing preference share capital.

The group's trading record is chequered, but its prospects seem reasonable. At the trading profit level, it made £5 million in 1989, lost almost £1 million in 1990 and made E5 million in 1991. That year, however, saw a

£5.5 million exceptional charge as the new manage ment team sorted out previous diversifications and charged up £1.8 million of costs associated with a buy-in. The draft prospectus heralds 66.5 million before tax for the year to January 2. Future opportunities lie in coach services to Fastern Europe, airport services, and taking advantage of the British Rail privatisation which

could reduce competition. Any economic upturn would also play into National Express's hands.

Its advisers seem mtoded to price the company in line with the transport sector. But there is nothing quite like National Express to compare with. The cheaper it is compared to the average transport sector multiple of just over 13 the better.

In any event, National Express is playing safe. All the shares are to be placed with institutions, and 25 per cent will be clawed back if there is public demand. There are no shareholder incentives.

Gardiner

launches

enquiry BY ANGELA MACKAY SHARES in Gardiner Group,

a distributor of security and surveillance products, almost halved to 8.5p yesterday after the company revealed a £3.5 million hole in its assets, caus-

ed by what directors consider was "a deliberate falsification

reason to believe such an inci-

dent could recur' and a full

nvestigation would be undertaken by independent accoun-

tants. Ernst & Young is

In an unrelated move, three

directors bought more than

1.2 million shares on Novem-

1.2 million shares on November 2 at an average 11.5p each. Yashar Turgut, chief executive, bought 865,000 shares and now owns 1.18 million shares, while Jeff Caplan and Robin Grant bought 345,000 and 100.000 respectively. Their investment had seemed profitable before vesterday.

Gartmore Investment Management, one of the company's biggest shareholders with

per cent, is "extremely

displeased and disappointed by the events". A spokesman said: "We have stuck by the

have thought better manage-

The suspected fraud was uncovered in the stocktake for the

year to end-October 1992 when a mis-statement was

found in the value of stocks and accruals of about \$4.8 million. After accounting for

recovery of related taxation, the restated value of the assets

at end-1991 is £16.2 million

ment controls existed.

able before yesterday.

Gardiner's auditor.

of the company's records". Directors said they had "no

Ex-chairman receives £852,000 payoff

TONY Millar, who helped to build Albert Fisher, the food group, into an international company, received compensation of £852,000 after he was forced to step down as executive chairman in July. Mr Millar resigned after pressure from the board following City criticism of his ability to manage the group's progress. Albert Fisher's annual report shows that he received a salary of £252,000 in the year to August 31 slightly less than the £260,000 he received the year before.

Through a series of acquisitions, Mr Millar transformed a small fruit and vegetable supplier into a company with a market capitalisation of almost £800 million in March 1991. when the share price was 133p. However, a profits warning in June this year saw the company's shares phymerer to just 36 p. The group's profits before tax for the year to August 31 fell to £52.1 million from £89 million in the previous 12 months. Mr Millar was succeeded by Stephen Walls, formerly at the Arjo Wiggins paper group. Despite the reduction in profile, Mr Walls maintained the annual dividend at 2.755 to be held was a translation of Company of Co dividend at 3.75p to help restore the confidence of City

New port for Nissan

NISSAN has announced plans for big savings in transport costs by switching the port it uses for exporting and importing in Britain. From December next year, Nissan's operations will be moved to Jarrow on the River Tyne, less than ten miles from the firm's Sunderland car plant, from Teesport, Cleveland, more than 40 miles away. The new custom-built terminal - on a 27-acre site - will result in the creation of ten jobs. The 37 people it employs at Teesport will be offered jobs there. The government run Tyne and Wear Development Corporation is to release £600,000 towards a new road for the

Bulgin dips at half time

AF BULGIN & Company, which makes and distributes electrical and electronics components, reports a decrease in pretax profits to E32,000 in the six months to end-July, against £57,000 last time, on a static turnover of £6.58 million. Profits were depressed by a £114,000 exceptional charge, relating to redundancies and reorganisation, after a 193,000 charge in the same period last year. The company said new products were being brought on line earlier, although demand had been erranc in the second half. Earnings dip to 0.11p (0.16p) a share. The company is again paying no interim dividend.

Caird issues warning

SHARES in Caird, the environmental services group, fell from 33p to 19p after the company gave warning that second-half profits would fall short of the £1.35 million earned pre-tax in the first six months. It blamed a poor third quarter, caused by depressed demand and squeezed margins, compounded by delays in bringing on stream new facilities. Caird said revenue growth was constrained by planning authorities that appeared not to have a clear understanding of rules and procedures. There is unlikely to be a final dividend. Last year, shareholders received a final payment of

Dobson Park buys

DOBSON Park Industries, the engineering group, has bought Harland Crossfield, a subsidiary of Harland Simon, the collapsed control systems company, from receivers. The initial consideration is £2.3 million. The acquisition of systems for the printing industry, safeguards about 80 jobs. Further profit-related payments of up to E600,000 are payable over two years. Harland Crossfield's net assets had an unaudited value of £5.4 million on September 30, and the company earned profits of £400,000 before interest in the year to March 31, on turnover of £10.8 million.

London cuts losses

LONDON & Metropolitan, the troubled property company rescued after a refinancing tast year, reported reduced pre-tax losses of £4.44 million in the half year to end-June, against a £15 million loss last time. The company made an operating profit of £2.35 million, against a loss of £10.5 million previously, but remained in the red as overall interest costs rose to £5.79 million £4.43 million). The loss per share is reduced to £3 n against a loss of £6n a thank last time. There reduced to 6.8p, against a loss of 26p a share last time. There is again no interim dividend and the group does not intend paying one "for the foreseeable future". The shares were

McInerney trims deficit

MCINERNEY Properties, the Irish property company that recently completed a financial restructuring programme reports a reduced pre-tax loss of Ir£1.2 million (£1.3 million) in the six months to end-June (1:E2.45 million loss). Turnover climbed 6.7 per cent to £15 million. Sales in the group's housing developments in Waterford. Cork and Limerick remained steady. The company said that housing operations had performed satisfactorily. There was an exceptional charge of IrE300,000 and an extraordinary loss of IrE50,000. The loss per share is 2.13p (3.93p). There is no interim dividend.

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interest switched to the debt market, where the government sold off its remaining debt in a clutch of privatised companies.

The Treasury is reckoned to have raised £1.3

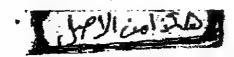
billion selling debt in four companies — BT. PowerGen, Scottish Power and Scottish Hydro-Electric. Most of the debt was acquired

snapped up by outside agencies. As a result, gift prices fluctuated within narrow limits. On the futures market, the Long Gilt future closed three ticks lower at £9931/32 in low volume only 22,000 contracts were completed.

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BUSINESS PROFILE: Lord Stevens of Ludgate

Soft-hearted introvert behind a prickly facade

There are two distinct sides to the legendary head of Express

Newspapers, Carol Leonard finds

very night before he goes to sleep, Lord Stevens of Ludgate, chairman of Express Newspapers, United Newspa pers and Invesco MIM, the fund management group, kneels down beside his bed and says his prayers.

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Once, in an army dormitory, his fellow officers were so taken aback by the sight of Stevens with his head bowed, eyes closed and hands clasped together that they rushed to his aid, thinking he must have fallen ill.

"I'm not a great church-goer but I do believe there is a God there, directing our destiny," he says. "It is not always ob-'I'm told people

are scared of believe you can me, but I think communicate I'm like a with him provided you show pussy cat means you

prayers on the hoof, you have to get down on your knees * The prospect of Stevens, 56, kneeling for anyone, however, would be greeted with derision by most of those who work for him. In stark contrast, they would see him as a small, chippy man - he claims to be 5ft 62 ins tall - who seems to derive a degree of perverse pleasure in bullying under-lings, who is given to outbursts plicably rude. He is said to be less than popular, not only among the people he employs, but also among any group of people he might regard as less than his equal Mention his name to almost anyone who has worked in Fleet Street or fund management and they will probably delight in regaling you with a succession of

anti-Stevens tales. "I suppose my best friends are people who have made it in life." Stevens observes, "because I can see what I would like to achieve in them. It also means that you all have the same sense of striving to achieve something." But that admission aside, and despite the number of near-legendary tales that circulate about him, it is nigh impossible to find anyone who has witnessed the incidents that gave birth to

they are not true, but that most of those who voice their dislike of him have never — or only fleetingly - met him.

Stevens smiles shyly when told of his reputation. He has heard it all before and he does not deny it categorically. "I don't think I'm a bully," he says, but I can understand why some people might do. Maybe I look very fierce, severe and standoffish. You cannot change these things. If people think I'm unapproachable there's not much I can do about it Respect and fear are am amazed by the inaccuracy

of what is written about me. An awful lot of people do not like me but most of these people have never met me. Those that do know me. like

me. The City is a furmy place, there's a huge amount of envy and jealousy. He admits that he has been known to shout at people. "In

30 years of business life of course I have shouted at people from time to time. Have I regretted it? Yes, I have. Usually, it is because something has gone wrong and they haven't told me about it. I do get grumpy sometimes, but I don't have a violent temper. I don't think I've ever thrown anything in my life. I'm told that people are scared of me, but I think I'm like a large pussy cat." Stevens smiles. His nervous

blink begins to subside, the atmosphere begins to warm. He wants to be liked, but it is a want rather than a need. He is an introvert, not a loner. "I'm very self contained." That introversion is the key to understanding Stevens' un-usual personality. It is a key given only to individuals he respects, and even those people who dine with him regularly in his Chelsea kome, who play golf with him, who insist that, in their experience, he has never been anything other than charming, humorous and engaging company, admit that they do not fully

Nicholas Cobbold, a stock-



Lord of all he surveys: Stevens, in his London office examines some of the newspapers under his command

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ege, Cambridgel I wanted to

get the best degree I possibly

could. I worked hard and got a 2:1. You need to be very clever

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Stevens is confident of his

structured and factual ones."

who has known Stevens for 25 years, says: "I know him better than most and certainly regard him as a friend and I am delighted to have him come and stay in my bouse, but even I have to admit that he is someone you never get to know terribly well." When Stevens entertains

such friends at home, midweek, he has a penchant for elaborate, formal dinner parties, for 12 or 14 people at one time. He is always immaculately dressed by Savile Row tailors and is known to be a stickler for correctness. His shoes will be polished and he will expect you to arrive on time. Everything about him is neat and organised. He continually draws up lists of things that need to be done. "If a lightbulb is missing in the front hall or a plant has died. I will want to know why." That correctness, cou-pled with his innate reserve, can contrive to present a prickly facade. Even his sense of humour can, at times, be abrasive, sarcastic, and it is often so dry that it is misunderstood. "I suppose my humour

have to laugh at life and ers." He admits that he does yourself, otherwise it all benot understand what moticomes too serious." vates him. "I set my sights on In an attempt to understand something in the early days his unusual perspective on life, and then decided that I wantsome people suggest that it is symptomatic of his height. ed more. At school, I decided that I wanted to be the first boy to get a distinction in econom-The small-man syndrome - aggressive, defensive. Stevens ics at 'A' level, in the army I would disagree. If he were wanted to be an officer and at

alter anything about my body at all." Defensive, certainly, but good humoured too. Stevens, the second of three sons, born into a semi-detached house in Edgware, Middlesex, and brought up in Stanmore, Northwood and then Esher, responds well to gentle teasing. He prefers people who stand up to him, rides roughshod over only those who he knows will not. enjoys argument and debate, and is more relaxed in the company of women than men.

given a magic wand, would be

make himself six inches taller?

"No. I would not. I wouldn't

As a child he was, he says, "introverted. I probably still am. At weekends, from Friday afternoon onwards, I do not go out. At school [Stowe] I was much more serious and more hard working than the oth-

the country every weekend, I like living in London" - and he never name-drops.

"I am very like my father. He was always very active. always wanting to improve the world, wanting to be involved.

I never relax." Stevens paces up and down inside his large office overlooking Blackfruirs Bridge, his hands in his trouser pockets. His father, Edwin, 87, the son of a railway guard, won a scholarship to Oxford. became a sound engineer and built up a business manufacturing the first truly portable hearing aids as well as audiometers and ear defenders. He sold out to Racal for £3 million in 1970. His mother, Kathleen - "I don't know her age" is described as "quite tough.

regimented, very disciplined". When asked again about his motivation, bearing in mind his childhood, Stevens suggests that "per-haps it is

'You have to son". Did he laugh at life. lack attention? Could that reg-imented, disciotherwise it plined envir becomes onment explain why he still too serious' finds it so diffi-

cult to show his emotions? "Probably," he says, "but I don't think it's bad to show emotion. I think you should be yourself and people should take you as you are. I make allowances for other people and they should make

allowances for me." Stevens is famed for having had three wives but he is not a promiscuous man. His first wife. Patricia, the mother of his two children, Judith, 28, and Andrew, 26, a trainer banker with Goldman Sachs, left him for another man after ten years of marriage. He remained single for seven years and raised the children on his own. It has made him particularly close to them and his whole manner alters when they are discussed.

Andrew is much more extrovert that I was at his age."

My daughter can be extrovert but is also very happy on her own. She is more of an isolationist." His second wife. Melisa, half Hungarian, died three years ago, after choking on a peach, and he married his third wife, Meriza, a Russian, in January 1990. Stevens recalls in vivid detail how he heard his second wife cheking, how he tried to resuscitate ner, how the ambulance took 25 minutes to arrive and then, how he cried. They had a particularly happy marriage. She, dearly, understood his needs. People who observed them together say she paid him compliments constantly, in public, building ignoring him as he beseeched her to desist. The need she pandered to, a need exposed only in the privacy of his own

moved. is a would not nordomineering. antagonistic man. Instead beneath it all.

on by a duen seated insecurity, afflicted by a shyness and in need of genu-

ine affection. For all his self-sufficiency, he does not like living alone, and despite all the myths about his deeply emotional. The extraordinary public facade he has created - and his contributory behaviour - could be nothing more than a protective crust. carefully contrived to make him appear tougher than he really is, to disguise a personality that in his eyes, and against a background of that regimented, disciplined childhood, is emotional to a fault "If I watch a weepy movie I would try to stop myself crying," Stevens admits. "Yes, I would have a lump in my throat, but if you looked in my eyes, you would see the tears.

WEEK ENDING Colin Narbrough

Twilight of the gods dims runes for Sweden's luckless currency

The choice of "Tender is the North" as banner for the Scandinavian arts festival that has overwhelmed London has proved something of a puzzle.

As every British schoolchild ought to know, the Norsemen, the Vikings, were fearsome maranders who pillaged and olundered our coasts. Nor is life in the cold high latitudes likely to make people soft. Surely, the North must mean hard as nails.

This week's star attraction on the foreign exchange stage

— The Succumbing of the Swedish Krona to Market Forces - suggests that "Vulnerable is the North" would be an apt title for the saga still unfolding. It was the collapse of the Finnish markka that triggered the last bout of

Once upon a time, until Thursday, Carl Bildt, Sweden's fair and youthful prime minister, looked as though he had succeeded in his defiance of the market dragon in defence of the krona. He was having to battle with economic adjustment, but his longship was upright and appeared steady on course for the heart of Europe. Sweden aims for full Community membership in 1995.

The ice-cold nerve of Anne Wibble, Mr Bildr's finance minister, and Bengt Dennis, his doughty central bank governor, had, remarkably, allowed Sweden to brave the maelstrom that swept the pound and the lira out of the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) and forced a peseta devaluation. At a time when Britain's

economic policy was left in tatters, the Swedes seemed in control, albeit at considerable cost for an economy in its worst recession since the

Pegging the krona to the Swedish political classes as a only a full. For all the efforts to to 20 per cent from 11.5 per



central plank of a strategic assault on the Community. Mr Bildt, a fervent Europhile, had set his heart on ensuring that the krona was not only a strong currency, but would be a member of the hard core around the German mark. Such vaulting ambition and

near-consensus in the Riksdagen, earlier in the Autumn, enabled Sweden to take draconian steps. Raising marginal interest rates to 500 per cent made the most hardened City dealers catch their breath. Accompanying measures that savaged public spending and welfare, while reducing industry's costs dra-matically, caused many a

Swede to gasp too. But the calm that followed ecu had been regarded by the the storms of September was In a virtual replay of Nor-man Lamont's to-ing and froing on Black Wednesday, the interest rate decision was reversed by the afternoon, and the kropa allowed to float freely. It dropped 8 per cent, but there is scope for a further

attack the public-sector deficit

at a time of record unemploy-

ment, the markets still

harboured doubts about Swe-

den's fixed exchange-rate poli-

cy. Renewed nervousness

about government borrowing

unleashed the unstoppable attack on the krona this week.

here two months ago, the political runes were right for

defending the krona, that was

not the case this week. The

main opposition party, the

Social Democrats, had lost the taste for the fight. After

some 160 billion krona had

left the country within a week,

the central bank on Thursday

morning shook its interest

rate stick at the market,

hiking the key marginal rate

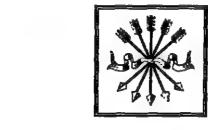
Mr Bildt and Mrs Wibble admitted, with apparent sorrow, that the national attempt to maintain the krona's externai value had failed. But they underlined that the government had done everything it could to stick to the hard krona policy. Mr Bildt, like our own prime minister, gave firm assurances that keeping inflation down remained the central goal, along with growth and employment.

had been pegged to the ecu in

Ever the realist, Mr Dennis has made clear that the decision to float the krona was ultimately a simple affair. "The possibility of succeeding was too little, so we gave up." But he would insist that there had been no devaluation, merely a flotation. Semantics might comfort a central banker, but they leave the currency

markets unimpressed. What will now happen to the array of measures, still to go before the Riksdagen, to cut sick pay, unemployment benefits, injury benefits, re-duce tax deductions and raise individuals' pension contributions? Will the Social Democrais be ready to play along with Mr Bildt's centre-right coalition any longer on further cuts in payroli taxes?

Opinion in Sweden is divided. Yet, the saga has a happy ending. From faraway Frank-furt, Helmut Schlesinger, the Bundesbank president and Europe's monetary grand vizier, gave the Swedish move his qualified blessing. "Floating a currency for a short time



ability but aware of his short-

comings. He is aware that his

peerage is linked to his pur-

chase of the Express Group.

that it almost went with the

job, but it makes him no less

proud. He is aware that he has

a bad telephone manner. "I

am not a great telephonist, !

do not sit chatting on the

telephone all the time and in

business I do not believe in

long telephone conversations.

If something is going to take

more than five minutes to

discuss I will call a meeting."

He drives a Rolls-Royce but is

otherwise relatively unostenta-

tious. He runs only one house

- "I couldn't stand going to

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ocratic reforms and plans for

the new airport, analysts said.

The Hang Seng index ended the week at 5,878.18 against

last Friday's 6.366.56 finish.

STOCK MARKET

Gatt news gives boost to shares

SHARE prices surged to with-in less than six points of their record high after an announcement during the afternoon that the European Community and America had reached a compromise in the dispute over agricultural subsidies.

The FT-SE 100 index. which had been marking time most of the day, put on a late spurt on the announcement that a deal had been concluded. It closed near its high for the day, 26.2 up at 2,732.4, just 5.4 short of its all-time high of 2,737.8 achieved on

It had looked increasingly

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likely that failure to reach agreement would result in a damaging trade war, possibly throwing the European economy into deeper recession. But last night, both brokers and fund managers were celebrating that a rift had been avoided, after weeks of diplomatic meetings.

Despite the sudden burst of euphoria, dealers continue to describe trading conditions as thin and this was borne out by turnover levels that saw only 545 million shares traded.

Dealers say fund managers remain on the sidelines, unable to make up their minds about the marker's next move.

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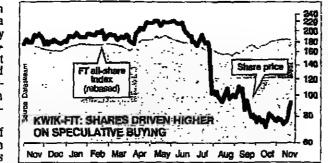
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Rolls-Royce, the aeroengine was the turn of Hoare Govett maker, remains out of favour with the City, falling a further 4½p to 96½p as analysts continue downgrading their profit forecasts. This time, it

and BZW, which are believed to have fallen in line with similar downgradings in recent weeks. The problems at GPA, the world's biggest aircraft leasing company, and possible cuts in defence spending have all been overshadowing the shares.

ICI recovered some of Thursday's losses stemming from the bearish views of Smith New Court's about the proposed demerger and disappointing trading news from several German chemical companies. The price ended 11p better at £10.24.

Kwik-Fit. the tyre and exhaust specialist, touched a high for the day of 112p on a sudden burst of speculative buying before settling 7p better at 95p. It takes the rise of the past two days to 17p.

The company says it knows of no reason for the sudden surge and estimates that the number of cars serviced remains at last year's levels. The company continues to experience pressure on both prices and margins.

But the market is buzzing

THE SUNDAY TIMES

shop in Weybridge has

had the same margin

above base -- 3% -- for

the past 20 years. His bank is now insisting

that this is increased to

4% above base, "I'm a

customer of long-

standing." he said,

"And having survived

the recession there is no

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The owner of a clothes

off at 181p. Thorn EMI enjoyed much needed rally, rising 17p

to 780p before half-year figures on Tuesday. County NatWest, the stockbroker, said the recent sharp fall in the price had been overdone. It said pre-tax profits should be in line with those announced last year, but gave a warning that the acquisition of Virgin would result in a 20 per cent dilution of earnings. That shortfall is expected to be made-up in the second half, as the benefits of the merger start to filter through.

with talk of a possible bid for the company with Continen-tal, the big German car parts

group, tipped as the most

likely bidder. The group has

been hit by the recession and is

expected to experience a sharp

drop in pre-tax profits during

the current year.

Aitken Hume, the financial

services group, responded to

the recent speculative flurry in

its share price to reveal it had

received an approach that

might lead to a bid. The

shares finished 15p better at

49p. Shares of Gardiner, the

security alarms group, fell 7p

to 84p after it announced it

had lost £3.5 million because

of alleged falsification of ac-

counts found during year-end

stocktaking.

Caird, the waste disposal

group, was down 16p at 17p after issuing a profits warning.

The group said that, because

of deteriorating trading condi-

tions, profits would be appre-

ciably lower than those of the

first six months. The an-

Transfer Technology, the pre-cision engineer, 1p firmer at

185p. has had its pre-tax

profit forecast downgraded by Credit Lyonnais Laing from

£14.4 million to £13 million.

nouncement sent a shudder

through the other waste dis-

posal companies, with Leigh

Interests down 11p at 175p,

and Shanks & McEwan 10p

Euro Disney remained a dull market, losing 32p at 813p, for a two-day fall of 87p. as details of last year's losses continue to be absorbed. Union Discount, a takeover target, fell op to 90p.

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New York - Shares were. slightly higher in early trading on heavy volume, traders said. They added that the expiration of November contracts for individual equity options and the Major Market Index futores could have been linked to a slow open in several Dow

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 8.10 points at

Nikkei closes on higher note

Tokyo - Shares are expected

to remain firm next week, although a lack of solid reasons to buy will limit how far prices can rise, brokers said. With sentiment buoyed by steady buying from public pension and insurance funds and by the news that parliament will begin debating the government's supplementary budget, the Nikkei index gained 4.3 per cent to close at

MAJOR CHANGES

17,033.60. Last Friday's close

(Reuter)

was 16,330.79.

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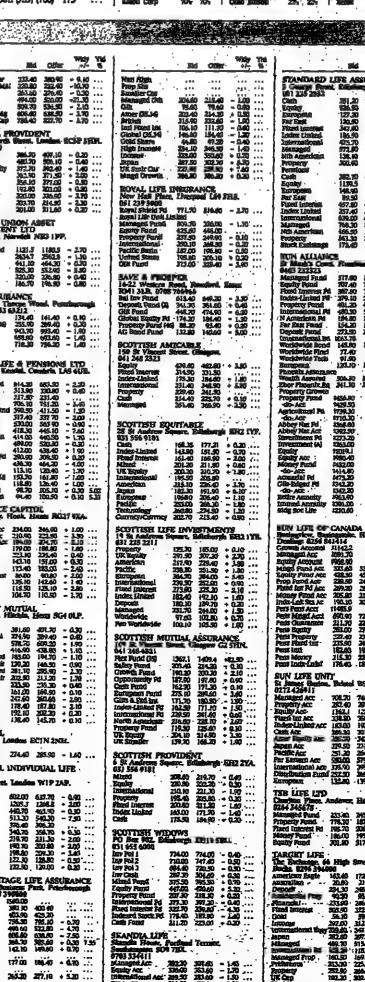


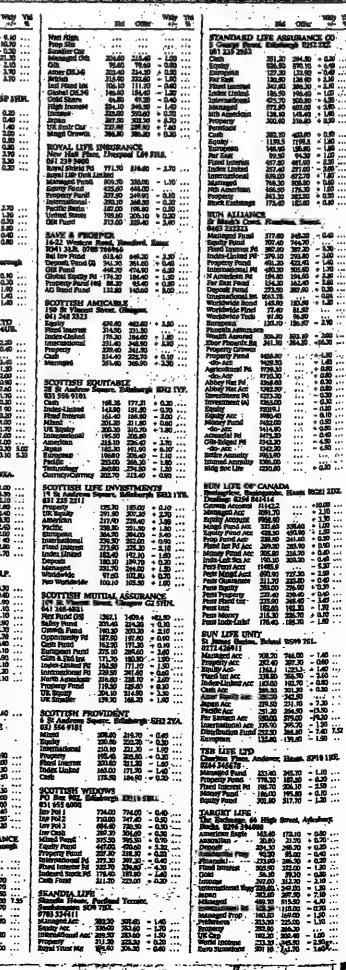
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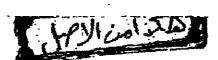
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f you make the system for claiming back overpaid tax complicated enough, then few will use it, and the exchequer ends up with a windfall. The government probably did not plan to gain hundreds of millions of pounds when it reformed the taxation of savings, but it has.

Last year, composite rate tax was scrapped and replaced with basic rate tax on savings. This meant that taxpayers paid more automatically and non-taxpayers had either to declare themselves as such for every account they hold or claim back any overpaid tax later on.

While the Revenue may have been most concerned to make the system fraud-proof, many savers were too frightened of having dealings with any tax office and millions have not registered to receive interest gross.

Those less fearful have been angry about the way the new system works to exclude them from gross payment on savings that are below the tax threshold because they have other income which is above it. Only those whose income is totally under their

Tax claimants need better deal tax allowances can register their accounts. Others have to claim back overpaid tax and it can take more

than a year to get the money.

Pensioners in particular have been affected by the intransigence of the system for taxing the declining interest on their savings. Many have some income which is below the limit and some above. Those whose total income takes them just above the tax threshold have to have tax deducted on their savings interest and then reclaim. Those who have hundreds of pounds to reclaim are annoyed by the delays. It is not a system for the careless either, as the Revenue needs statements of tax deducted on all accounts before the money can be reclaimed.

Those who have only a small amount to claim back never seem to get round to it. But it is not surprising as they have to wait until the end of the tax year when the



COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

interest was earned and then claim it back. Tax on an interest payment in June cannot be claimed back until the following April if the tax to be reclaimed is under £50.

Those well below the tax threshold can comfortably sign a declaration that they are non-taxpayers and their bank or building society is then able to pay them gross. Parents have a more confusing time because they have to be sure that no more than £100 of the interest earned by a child comes from each parent. Many of those whose income fluctuates, or is near the limit, are frightened to declare in case their income rises and they are thought to have deliberately tried to defraud the Revenue.

There is little chance of that now that every interest payment on bank and building society accounts is reported to the Revenue, If the government really wants poorer savers to pay less tax it needs to make it easier for them to get their money back. This week it has decided 10 close 19 of the 24 centres created to pay refunds.

accompanied by a new system that premises with a warrant. People

will allow those who are just taxpayers to declare one account a taxfree zone and to make sure it keeps below the limit and sign an agreement that, if it does not, they will pay any underpaid tax with interest. It would help millions of pensioners who are already alarmed about the low return they get on their savings.

Bailiffs

ailiffs are one of the growth professions during the recession but there is no one authority to control their actions. This week the National Consumer Council expressed its concern about the activities of both private and certificated bailiffs employed to collect poll tax and the council tax.

It says bailiffs should only be able Let us hope this action will be to effect forcible entry into domestic

who never thought they would be reduced to such circumstances are coming into contact with bailiffs and their work methods. It would help if rules were laid down and clearly understood.

One homeowner rang me from work recently to ask if bailiffs could evict him and change the locks when he was not there. The courts had not even granted possession at that time but the letters he had received were enough to frighten him.

Debts can increase once the bailiffs' charges are included and items seized are often sold for knockdown prices. The council would like to see fixed fees for bailiffs. Families should also be told that certain items will not be seized. These should include clothing needed by the debtor and members of the family. children's toys, medical aids and equipment for the care of children. tools for their trade and books needed for their work, education or training up to a value of £500. There are many reputable bailiffs who are bound to welcome any suggestions that will bring the cowboys to order.

Householders in high-risk areas could have claims rejected unless specified door and window locks are fitted

Insurers tighten security rules for homes cover

By SARA McConnell

From January next year, thoufilling in new proposal forms or changing insurers are also having policies endorsed in sands of Sun Alliance customers with inner city postcodes who renew their contents inthis way. Last year, 20 per cent of new policies with Royal Insurance were so endorsed. This year, 60 per cent have to comply with the minimum security requirement. "People surance will be told that theft claims will not be met unless door and window locks specified by the insurer are fitted and used. This will be the first who continue to act in a careless fashion deserve hardtime Sun Alliance has endorsed existing customers' policies in this way. er and harsher treatment." The largest household in-surer said that by the end of Royal said. Ray Facer, Legal & General's household undernext year, about 5 per cent of writing manager, said that if its existing customers would the risk in a locality changed, have their policies endorsed in this way. A further 5 per cent premium rates would be increased but enisting policy-holders would not be asked to of new customers are also

having to take extra security measures to get cover. It could cost several hundred pounds take extra security measures. That would, however, be re-quired of new customers: to get security up to the required minimum. Residents of high-risk areas have also faced the biggest rises in premiums and this is Other insurers are considering endorsing the policies of likely to continue. They have little hope of obtaining disexisting customers when they renew their cover. New cuscounts for extra security measures. Even those who can get tomers in high risk areas have this way for some time. Brono-claims bonuses offered by some companies will see them kers are advising people to read their renewal notice care-

premiums. General Accident announced this week that it was

Other insurers, including Norwich Union and Commercial Union, offer discounts of about 5 per cent to members of Neighbourhood Watch schemes. However, Norwich Union's premiums have gone up by an average of 30 per cent on its Contents Plus policy and up to 16 per cent on its Contents Home Plus policy. It has introduced a loyalty bonus of 10 per cent for customers who stay with the company for more than three years, cutting some people's premiums by 7 per cent.

Commercial Union's Key
Pian policyholders have found
that 5 per cent discounts for
membership of Neighbourhood Watch schemes or 15

per cent discounts for fitting burglar alarms have been eaten up by increases averaging 40 per cent since the end of last year. Sun Alliance includes bership as one of several security precautions that qualify for discounts of up to 20 per eaten givay by larger rises in cent, but premiums have risen by 30 to 35 per cent on some

expanding its household in-

Prudence pays: Neighbourhood Watch saved Peter Loyd £400 a year on contents cover

Keeping a watch on premium costs

PETER Loyd has saved about £400 a year on the contents insurance for his home in Hampstead Garden Suburb since he started participating in a General Accident pilot scheme to cut the cost of hood Watch members (Sara

McConnell writes).
Mr Loyd first heard of the scheme when he received a circular three years ago from an insurance broker. As area co-ordinator for 50 Neigh-bourhood Watch schemes in Northwest London, he felt he

should investigate. He said: "Frankly the publicity material was not that impressive. It looked like it had been done on a duplicator. I was slightly distrustful. But I felt I had to vet it. Otherwise if something had been wrong with it and people took the insurance, I would have had the wrath of every-

one upon me."
Satisfied on his members' behalf, he asked the broker, Brownhill Morris and West, of Beckenham, Kent, to give him a quotation for his own insurance under

General Accident's Neigh-bourhood Watch Home Insurance policy.

As with other pri policyholders. Mr Loyd's nome was inspected by a Brownhill house surveyor to check that it satisfied security requirements. To qualify for the cheaper cover, householders have to fit specified door and window locks and have them checked. It is not enough just to be a member of a Neighbourhood Watch

In March, 1989, when he paid his first premium, the cost was £552.30 compared with the £1,000 premium demanded by Royal, his exist-ing insurer. Since then, he has built up a no-claims bonus of 25 per cent, reducing his present premium by £219 to £657, based on £55,520 of

In December, 1989, Mr Loyd also put his buildings insurance with General Accident. He lost his no-claims bonus because he had a subsidence claim, but this did not affect his contents no-

'People who act carelessly deserve harder and harsher treatment'

surance scheme for Neighbourhood Watch members after a successful five year pilot scheme in London. Policyholders, who have to be in a registered Neighbourhood Watch scheme to qualify, have saved up to 40 per cent, the

and large areas of Glasgow, company said. But Mike Amphlett, GA's Liverpool and Birmingham. The company tells new policyschemes manager in charge of underwriting the Neighbourholders in these areas that front doors should be fitted with mortice deadlocks; patio hood Watch policy, said the doors and accessible windows premiums of some policyholders in high-risk areas had have to be fitted with keydoubled in 12 months. The average rise had been 25 per suitable locks and bolts to qualify for a discount, said Steve Turner, Sun Alliance's superintendent, household.

be coupled with the fitting of

Like Sun Alliance, GA sees membership of a Neighbour-hood Watch scheme as "only half the story". Members tended to be more aware of the need for home security, which made them a better risk for insurers and enabled them to cut premiums, Mr Amphlett said. The pilot scheme had led to a cut in burglary claims.

People wanting to insure homes with General Accident

cautions inspected by one of the company's 12 brokers selling the policy. Minimum requirements include five-ledard 3621 locks on main doors and all other external doors, and key-operated security locks on all accessible windows. If these are not aheady fitted, they will have to be before applications for cov-

GA loses £40 million through domestic theft every year. The total cost of theft claims for the insurance industry as a whole in the first half of 1992 was £396.2 million. according to figures from the Association of British Insurers. That compares with a total of £590.7 million for the whole of 1991. The average cost of a daim has gone up from £792

to £888.

The findings of a survey released by GA showed that almost one in 12 people had been burgled in the past year and almost half knew someone who had been. Two thirds of those surveyed said they were more worned about crime today than they were

and 35 per cent, with further increases likely. "The market underestimated how much

premium was required, " he

said. Bedroomed-rated poli-

cies tended to attract those

whose possessions would cost close to the insurer's upper

limit (in Sun Alliance's case up to £30,000) to replace, Mr

Eagle Star has also seen

sharp increases, of 50 per cent

on average on its Homestar

Ideal bedroom-rated policy.

Some people will face a 100

per cent increase when they

renew their policoes, the com-

Bedroom-based policies at

Commercial Union now cost

40 per cent more than they did

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1976	1,347	878	2,120	2,491	1,923
1977	1,443	952	2,600	3,166	2,555
1978	1,537	1,028	3,080	3,871	3,227
1979	1,670	1,202	3,560	4,707	4,272
1980	1,847	1,364	4,040	5,713	5,321
1981	2,021	1,328	4,520	6,755	5,628
1982	2,203	1,506	5,000	7,865	6,893
1983	2,366	1,918	5,480	8,946	9,272
1984	2,552	2,346	5,960	10,153	11,839
1985	2,779	3,528	6,440	11,557	18,407
1986	2,999	5,724	6,920	12,970	30,437
1987	3,231	4,672	7,400	14,476	25,201
1988	3,462	5,532	7,880	16,010	30,332
1989	3,789	8,570	8,360	18,024	47,564
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1991	4,552	7,472	9,320	22,709	42,327
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People moving house and Bedroom policies double in price

By SARA McConnell

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New policyholders in high-

risk areas who take out cover with Norwich Union have had

to meet minimum security

requirements since July. The company said this week that

these requirements could be

extended to existing policy

holders whose postcodes indi-

cated to insurers that they lived in areas with high theft

Areas designated high-risk by Norwich Union include all

Southeast London postcodes,

most of Southwest London

PREMIUMS on contents insurance policies related to the number of bedrooms in a home - bought because they cut bills for those with more expensive possessions - have risen twice as fast as those on other contents policies. In some cases, the cost of insurance has more than doubled in the past 12 months.

Bedroom-rated policies were introduced by most leading insurers about four years ago. They were meant to be simpler than traditional policies, as householders had to tell the insurer only their postcode and how many bedrooms they had to have a premium calculated. Usually, the policies have an upper limit of between £30,000 and £50,000 worth of cover.

Traditional policies require householders to calculate how much their home contents would cost to replace so the premium can be worked out. Insurers admit that they

have seriously underestimated the cost of bedroom policies and have set premiums too low to cover their costs. Ray Facer, household underwrit-



Risk under-estimated: bedroom rates have soared

ing manager at Legal & General, said: "The premiums should have been higher. When we calculate the premiums on the number of rooms, we go for what is considered to be an average. There are winners and losers and those with above average risk did not pay enough premium to cover it." Legal & General has raised

premiums on its bedroom-

rated policy by more than 50 per cent on average over the past 12 months. In some cases, the premium would have almost doubled, Mr Facer said. The cost of a traditional policy has gone up by more than 25 per cent on average.

increases on bedroom-rated

Royal insurance, which reports a less substantial increase than the others, 28 per Steve Turner, superintend-

cent. "We use the postcode, the kind of house, the age of the house and the age of the policyholder in assessing the risk, ' the company said. ent, household at Sun Alli-Traditional policies have gone ance, said that premium up by an average of 20 per

THE unit trust industry is funds in UK- or EC-based seeking further relaxation of equities. Those with 49 per the personal equity plan rules. In an early Budget submission, the Unit Trust Association has called on Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, to allow gilt-edged stocks and corporate bonds as part of a Pep portfolio.

Since last April the full £6,000 Pep allowance can be put into unit trusts that invest at least 51 per cent of their cent of their assets in gilts or bonds lose their status.

This means those with much lower percentages in gilts and bonds are also ruled out because market fluctuations can change the balance by a few percentage points.

Peps have been the saviour of the industry. In the last two quarters there was a net inflow of £655 million, mostly shelter-

ciation is keen to shelter other unit trusts from tax by trying to have cash unit trusts accepted as tax-exempt special savings accounts. These allow £9,000 to be invested tax-free over five years, as long as there is no withdrawal of capital during the period. Unit trusts cannot offer this tax advantage. Nor can nontaxpayers register unit trusts for gross payment of interest.

Unit trusts seek greater Pep role THE unit trust industry is funds in UK- or EC-based ed from tax in Peps The assolife policy blow

FIRST-TIME buyers with no dependants wanting a repay-ment mortgage may be forced to buy life assurance in case the value of their home falls, if a big insurer has its way. Mortgage lenders are being

told they may have to require customers needing indemnity cover to take out a life policy as well. Indemnity insurance is taken out by a homebuyer to cover lenders against loss if homebuyers default or die and there is a shortfall.

Insurers and building societies are fighting a tough battle over mortgage indemnity insurance conditions, after huge losses by insurers as the level of repossessions rose. Lenders say insurers are hedging contracts with restrictions so they will not have to pay out Societies have already agreed to stand 20 per cent of losses if the cover has to pay out. The more restrictive the conditions imposed on societies, the greater danger of a shortage of 90 and 95 per cent loans. Commercial Union, one of

the insurers considering imposing a life cover requirement, said the clause was part of a draft that had not yet been agreed with any building socicty. Societies would only have to ensure borrowers had life assurance if they wanted cover in case a borrower died rather than defaulted and there was a shortfall when the property was sold, CU said. Cashing in such a policy would then pay

off the mortgage.

In view of the obvious difficulties with the housing market it is not an unreasonable condition. It is for building societies to negotiate individually," CU said. The Skipton Building Soci-

'We couldn't justify insisting a single person insured their life to cover their mortgage?

the act.

ety, one of a number of societies negotiating with the CU on mortgage indemnity insur-ance, said it may not be able to offer loans of more than 75 per cent of the property's value if this meant having to sell in-

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Borrowers with endowment mortgages could also find their policies have to be assigned to the lender, if a connected clause in CU's contract is push-

Insurance factor-Rod Young of the Legal & General

cluding the Halifax and the Abbey National, the two largest, no longer assign endow-ments, preferring to trust borrowers to pay the premiums rather than bandle the extra administration. If an endowment is assigned, the lender controls the policy and benefits from the payout. It cannot be sold or surrendered and societies are told if borrowers

lapse on their premiums.

Abbey, which is also negotiating with CD on mortgage indemnity cover, has told CU it "does not consider it necessary" to assign policies as the CU wants. The Abbey is awaiting CU's response to its

suggestion that it be allowed to use its own criteria.

Other mortgage indemnity insurers say they are not insist-ing on either life cover for repayment mortgages or assignment of endowment polic although the thinking behind CU's move was "understandable". But Rod Young, personal insurance director at Legal & General said having life cover on a mortgage "could be a factor in the pricing of mortgage indemnify. Lend-ers, and therefore borrowers, who pay the premiums, could find indemnity insurance cheaper if loans had insur-

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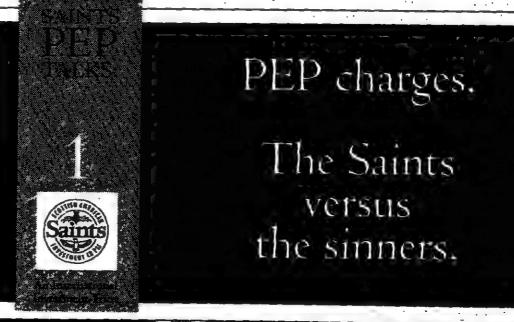
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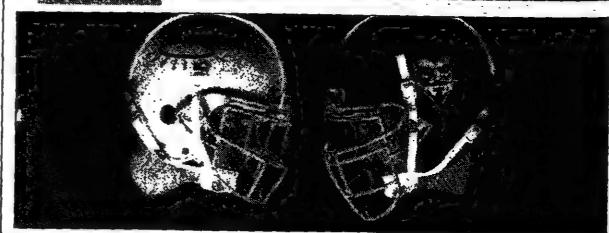
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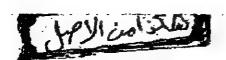
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Lenders offer a fixed port after rate storms

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TANTALISINGLY good fixed rates, and discounts for new borrowers, are tempting mortgage payers who want certainty to remortgage.

Many people who are paying 9.25 per cent and already know that that is to be reduced to 8.5 per cent, may be prepared to take a gamble on variable rates coming down

Others, who were out of their depth when rates reached 15 per cent, may want to build some certainty into their lives with fixed-rate mortgages now that special offers are cheaper than they have been for more than 25 years. The most wretched home-

buyers are probably those still paying 11.45 per cent or nigher on mortgages with centralised lenders, and who have seen the values of their properties fall below the size of their mortgages. They cannot remortgage and if their lenders will not cut rates, they are

The centralised lenders entered the mortgage market offering attractive interest rates from 1986, when there was tremendous competition to fund house purchase in what seemed like an everrising market.

A large chunk of this year's mortgage business has been remortgages, especially for fixed rates. Most hornebuyers cannot find new properties, get their offers accepted and go through the whole legal process in time to meet deadines for special offers.

At the Household Mortgage Corporation, borrowers on the standard rate have a promise that payments will come down to 9.95 per cent in January but they still have no idea when last week's bank base rate reduction will be



centralised lender which is part of TSB, currently charges borrowers 10.9 per cent; early in November, it announced that this would be reduced to 9.95 per cent on January 4. Mortgage Express has still to take account of the latest base

The Mortgage Corporation has a standard mortgage rate of 10.99 per cent. This week it told borrowers that that would go down to 9.5 per cent from January 1. This cut does not take account of the Autumn

street banks because of the way it is funded. The lender has a series of funding agreements, many of which are linked to the three-month London interbank offered rate. Some of these will have been taken out up to three months ago and reflect the higher rates then, a spokesman explained.

While building societies say many of their remortgages come from centralised lenders. HMC says its redemption figures have fallen in the past

Those who are stuck in 13 per cent fixed-rate mortgages, attractive in 1990, could face redemption fees of three months' interest

Statement cut. "We are still monitoring the situation on thai." a spokesman said. Some borrowers did not take out loans with their

current lenders but were "sold" to them by their originai ones when these withdrew from the British mortgage

The Household Mortgage Corporation explained that its rates lagged behind those of building societies and high two months. Inertia, and fear of the cost, stops many borrowers from changing lenders. Those who are stuck in

fixed-rate mortgages of 13 per cent or more, which seemed attractive back in 1990, could face redemption fees of three months' gross interest if they move their loans. In addition. there are legal and valuation

It is cheaper for borrowers with standard, variable mort-

gages to move. But they still can face bills of £1,000 or more for the paperwork in-volved. Abbey National this week launched a remongage package offering £250 towards legal and valuation

On a £100,000 loan which is 85 per cent of the value of the property, the solicitors' fees would typically be £200 and the valuation about £160. In addition, there would be land registry fees in the region of £200, local search fees of about £50 and indemnity insurance of £500. The insurance is charged on loans over 75 per cent of the value of the property to cover the lender should the borrower default

on the loan. New customers have to complete by the end of May to qualify for the £250. It is available for all kinds of mortgages. Those who want long fixes could look to the Leeds Permanent, which offers 7.95 per cent over five years. This has a £195 arrangement fee and borrowers must take out either buildings and contents insurance or a new life policy. The Halifax offers a rate capped at 9.29 per

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CREDIT card rates are on the way down. This week witnessed substantial reductions after the industry had previously only trimmed rates and balanced any reduction with changed conditions and higher annual charges.

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per cent to 24.9 per cent at the beginning of November, criticism from consumer groups and the prime minister's encouragement to lenders to reduce their rates.

The new interest rate is the cheapest for 15 years. In that time, however, Barclaycard has started charging borrowers from the date an item reached their account rather than the statement date.

reduced in May 1990. Lloyds Bank has also sig-nalled its second cut in a few weeks and will ent its interest

rate to an APR of 24.6 per

cent from November 30. Its last cut was to 25.3 per cent Midland is cutting its credit card rate to 25.3 per cent from December. This rate was In recent years the bank's fixed before the latest reduc-

tion in bank base rates and more cuts could follow. National Westminster cut its credit card rate to 25.4 per cent on both its Access and Visa cards from Monday, although the announcement was made before the latest

base rate cut. Save & Prosper's rates fall to 22.6 per cent for its card with an annual fee and to 23.1 per cent for its no-fee card. The Co-operative Bank will be one of the last banks to

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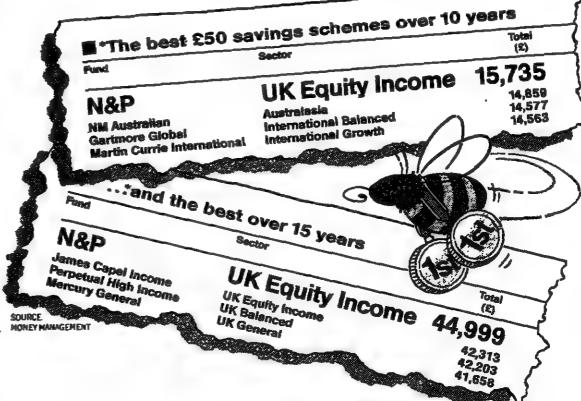
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When a friendly act can backfire

Liz Dolan finds that charity work can become expensive as trustees become personally liable for debts

PEOPLE who offer their services as charity trustees are often unaware they could end up in financial difficulties, or even bankrupt, if the charity runs into trouble.

Tougher regulations laid down in the new Charities Act 1992 mean trustees are now burdened with responsibilities more legally exacting than those placed on company directors, according to a guide-book published this week by Kingsley Napley, the firm of solicitors led by Sir David Napley, the defence lawyer.

Most trustees do not know that while they give their services free, they could be person-ally liable if a charity incurs debts, or breaks a contract with a third party, says Tony Sacker, charities partner. His warning follows findings by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations that two-thirds of trustees in England and Wales do not even know they are trustees. People with titles such as committee member, governor, council member and director are not told they share the same responsibilities as official

that between a half and two thirds of the country's 1 million trustees do not receive any information about the nature of responsibilities. Only one in eight receives training for their work as trustees, and four in five get no training whatsoever, the report says.

One charity whose trustees are well briefed is Charity Projects, which runs Comic Reliefs annual red nose day. Jane Tewson, director, says all trustees, including Lenny Henry, the coinedian, are fully

aware of their "quite extraordinary responsibilities". The next red nose day is March 12.

Kingsley Napley's booklet, A Question of Trust, describes the role of trustee as "one of the most onerous obligations and the first law." My Sock. under English law". Mr Sacker says that while trustees were had exacerbated the likelihood of creditors taking up their legal rights. "In the past, third parties tended to say, 'Oh well, it's a charity. They've done print." He said one of his lients was fighting a claim for



He knows: Lenny Henry takes his Comic Relief red nose day responsibilities seriously

had discovered a loan made to a charity was now worth substantially more than the assets on which it had been secured. The new regulations will actively enforce previous, rather loosely-policed, require-ments that trustees of regist-ered charities with an annual income of more than £1,000 must ensure the accounts are audited annually and sent to the Charity Commission within ten months of the year-end. In addition, trustees must help

recession is especially difficult. Falling property prices are another headache as money borrowed against a charity's assets may become unsecured as values shrink.

The booklet gives various examples of how charities can. complex laws governing them. For instance, boosting income at a charitable event by selling alcohol can lead to the loss of a charity's tax relief. Organisations can also lose their charitable status if they spend too much on campaigning rather than directly on the cause they back. Loss of tax relief equals breach of trust, avoid personal liability to make this fact clear to lenders from the outset. He says he has done so several times as a chanty trustee and gever ention of Trust suggests prospec-tive trustees follow a sux-point checklist before signing up. Check the status of the

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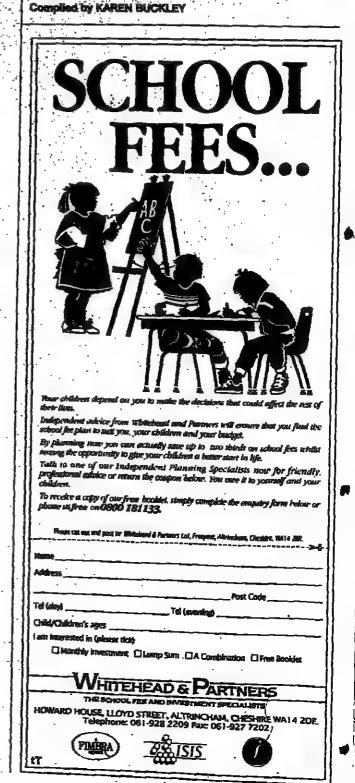
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I Note the charity's liabilities and ensure they are covered by sufficient assets, particularly in the light of personal risk to

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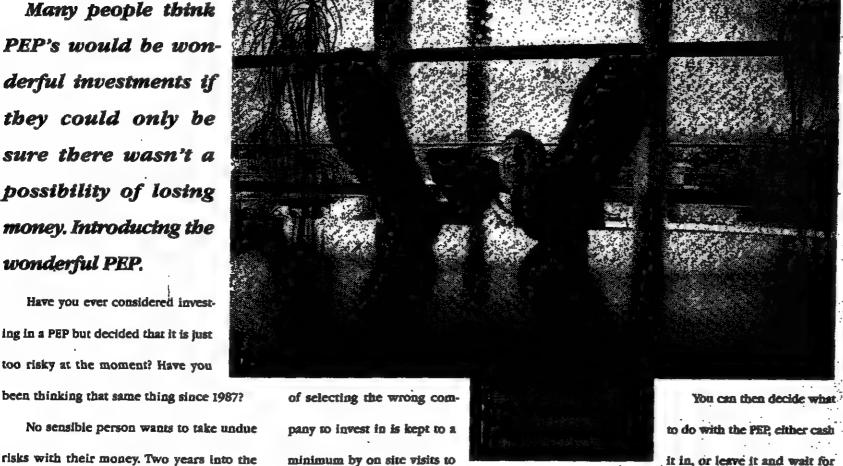
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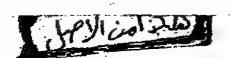
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TSB's ready-reckoner finds the underinsured

TSB believes 62% of people have life insurance that is inadequate to

maintain lifestyles,

says Liz Dolan

TWO in five people believe ance cover when they do not, according to the results of a survey from TSB.

The bank calculates that more than 62 per cent of the population is under-insured by an average of more than £90,000. However, it says, only 18 per cent of those questioned considered themselves inadequately covered for their needs.
TSB claims that the average

annual income necessary to fund the respondents' present living standards is £13.951.20. An average hump sum payout of at least ten times this, £139,512, is required to provide this level of income, the bank says. However, the average level of cover was less than £49,000, a shortfall of £90,903.

Assessed on this basis, farnily breadwinners are underinsured by an average of £83,462, parents caring for children by £104,578, and borrowers with unprotected loans by £128,620.

To help people to work out their insurance needs, the bank has devised a "life cover ready-reckoner", which en-ables customers to balance



the death of a family income provider, to find the sums required to maintain existing

Despite inadequate cover, most people questioned were too pessimistic about how long they were likely to live, the survey found.

Asked to estimate how

many healthy men aged 20 to 40 would die before 65, they guessed at 28 in every 100, compared with the actual figure of about 20. Estimates of the likely cost of additional cover were also wildly out. TSB charges £20 a month for E100,000 of cover over tenyears for a 29-year-old man

average monthly premium guessed by the sample was £49.50. Conversely, the average monthly cost of the same cover for a man of 54 was thought to be £78.61; TSB actually charges £109.

Non-smoking 29-year-olds will be even more surprised by the monthly premiums charged for similar cover by either General Accident (£14.80) or Legal & General (£15.40). Men of 54would have to pay £89.10 and £108.30, respectively.

Legal & General offers a

similar checklist to that of TSB to help customers to calculate required cover. It comes as

The booklet carries encouraging snippets of information. such as the fact that 1.500 people the earn way, depriving 448 wives of husbands, and

170 children of fathers. At least 16 are married women under 50, a point that becomes particularly relevant when taken in conjunction with the findings of L&G's latest "cost of a wife" survey,

due out in a few weeks. This report will claim that the average wife (or unmar-ried equivalent) who dies before the children reach 18, costs £349 a week to replace.

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MoD moves to help service personnel save for housing

FULL-TIME members of the armed forces who have served for at least three years are being encouraged to save towards to the cost of buying their own home under a scheme announced by the

Ministry of Defence yesterday. It was set up in response to concern that those returning from overneus service could no longer rely on being rehoused

our financial institutions the Norwich and Peterbor ough and the Skipton build-ing societies, Gartmore Money Management and the Bank of Scotland have been chosen by the MoD to admin-ister the scheme. All are offering gross rates guaranteed to remain at least as high as the prevailing bank base rate. Gross rates offered to other savers are normally between 1

and 2 percentage points below the prevailing base rate. Service personnel who save £50 — £200 a month for at least five years will get £1 for every £3 saved, including interest, from the MoD, towards the cost of buying a home. The level of this tax-free grant

could vary. The Norwich and Peterborough will pay 0.3 per cent gross above the prevailing base rate on savings. Interest will be compounded annually and service personnel will receive annual statements. The account can be closed at any time without penalty but those who have saved for less than five years will not qualify



Excitement now — but housing problems on leaving the army: the King's Troop of the Royal Horse Artillery

for the MoD's Home Savings Allowance. The Skipton is offering a gross rate of 0.25 per cent above the prevailing base rate. Those saving with

cent). After five years, those saving the maximum amount of £200 per month will have saved £12,000, earned interest of £1,754 and received a Home Savings Allowance of £4,585. This will bring their total to £18,339.

Gartmore will get 7 per cent gross annually, (a compound-ed annual rate of 7.23 per **MORTGAGES**

The following changes apply from 20th November 1992 for loans not yet drawn and from the first payment date on or after 31st December 1992 for existing borrowers.

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Autumn turns cold for savers

MORE building societies and reek after last week's Autumn Statement 1 per cent base rate cut to 7 per cent. The average cut in rates is about three quariers of a percentage point (Sara McConnell writes) Abbey National's cuts across

its savings accounts averaged

0.6 per cent. The bank's

offers instant access now pays a top rate of 4.54 per cent net. 6.05 per cent gross on bal-ances of £25.000 and over, down from 5.18 per cent net. 6.9 per cent gross. Balances of £500 — £2,500 now earn 3.75 per cent net, 5 per cent gross, (4.35 per cent net, 5.8 per cent gross). The 90 day notice nvestment Account now pays top rate of 5.1 per cent net, 6.8 per cent gross on balances of £25,000 and over (5.7 per cent net, 7.6 per cent gross).
Savers with £500 2,499.99 in a Leeds Perm ment Liquid Gold account will see their net rate fall from 4.2 per cent to 3.64 per cent. The w gross rate is 4.85 per cent (5.6 per cent). The top rate is now 4.76 per cent net, 6.35 per cent gross on balances of over £25,000. The society's Solid Gold 90 day account pays 4.05 per cent net, 5.4 per cent gross on £500 — £4,999.99, a cut of three quarters of a percentage point. Rates on balances of £50,000 and over have fallen by 0.8 per cent to 5.85 per cent net. 7.8

per cent gross.
The Alliance & Leicester has cut rates by 0.75 per cent on average, although its basic share account rate is unchanged. Balances of £500 -£2,500 on its instant access account will earn 3.63 per cent net, 4.85 per cent gross while the top rate is 4.23 per cent net 5.65 per cent gross on £25,000 and over. The rate for £1,000 - £5,000 in a Ninety Day account is now 3.86 per cent net, 5.15 per cent gross with a maximum of 5.36 per cent net, 7.15 per cent gross on balances of £50,000 and

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own current account to ensure

that a cheque is always honoured. If not, the situation

could arise where before a

cheque is presented, money is

withdrawn from the account

and it could go into overdraft.

As savings accounts cannot operate in overdraft, the

money remains in Abbey Na-

tional's current account until

payment is made, and is not

Mr Bussey is therefore cor-

rect in saying that interest is no longer paid once a cheque

has been written, but I would

stress that this is common

practice as an important safe-

guard for both savines institu

tions and their customers.

Yours faithfully

JOHN BERRY,

Marketing Director.

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BRIEFINGS

Fidelity has launched a new money management service. The Fidelity Asset Manager. aimed at providing a better long-term return than a building society by combining high interest cash deposits and bond funds with controlled

risk funds. Clients will receive regular statements, valuations and reports on their portfolios and may call free an investor line from 9am to 9pm, seven days a week. The minimum invest-

ment is £10,000. The Revenue has increased the exempt limit that employers may make to employees while they attend full-time educational courses from £5,500 to £7,000 a year. Scholarships, exhibitions and other payments are exempted if the employee is enrolled at an educational establishment for at least one academic year and the actual full-time attendance during that period

amounts, on average, to 20 weeks a year. A four-year income bond

that guarantees to pay 6.3 per cent a year net of tax for basic rate taxpayers is being offered by the Co-operative Bank. The bond, an endowment policy issued by Consolidated Life, has a minimum investment of £2.000. O Southerners are nearly

twice as likely to have a credit card than those living in the North, according to a survey by Mori for Link, the building society and bank cash dispenser network. In the South, 42 per cent of those asked had at east one card compared with 24 per cent of Northerners. ☐ Scottish Equitable has launched a self-administered personal pension. Reflex Control policyholders will be able to split their contributions between Scottish Equitable pension funds and other

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Dispelling the myths over commission disclosure

From Mr James Higgins Sir, I imagine, after your comment (November 14) you might receive one or two critical letters from commissionremunerated independent financial advisers and insurance salesmen. Although I can hardly claim to be impartial, in this matter, I thought that I should try to "balance" your

Cash disclosure of commissions is vitally important. The usual argument against disclosure is that the investor does not need to know what profit a salesman makes from the sale of a policy - in much the same way as a buyer does not know the profit a shopkeeper makes on each sale. But in a shop, at least the purchaser knows the price before buying. In the purchase of an insurance product, one never knows the true price until well after the sale, and even then it comes in the form of an almost unintelligible disclosure document which few laymen can be expected to understand. (In my experience, the investor usually calls the salesman on

Enduring power

receipt of the disclosure form

for instructions: they are often

From Mr H. Saunders

Sir, Sara McConnell's article on enduring power of attorney (EPA) (Weekend Money November 7) is incorrect (or at any rate misleading) in stating that "If the EPA needs to be out into effect it has to be registered with the Court of Protection." and that "Merely signing an enduring power of attorney does not bind the donor to anything before it is registered with the court..."

Of course the power is effective immediately it is executed like any other power of attorney: the only special fea-ture of an EPA is that unlike any other it endures even after the donor has become mentally incapable of managing his/her affairs, at which point (not before) it has to be registered to remain effective. Yours faithfull H. SAUNDERS,

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told to bin it). But high and hidden commissions are only part of the problem. The real problem is that the commission system of reward actually prevents the industry from giving "best advice". Commission-remmerated

IPAs are forced to limit their so-called advice to those products which remunerate them. What of the investments and strategies which carry no commission, such as National Savings certificates, gilts, investment trusts? (How many mailshots were there on the 5th issue index-linked National Savings certificate warning - "these must be withdrawn shortly - buy now while stocks last" and how

many on with-profit bonds?). Ultimately, financial planning is about arranging one's affairs to most efficiently meet one's financial objectives. Occasionally, an insurance prod-uct might be a useful inchsion, but rarely as an investment or savings vehicle, and anyone looking closely at the range of alternatives will soon determine the insurance companies and unit trust groups have little to offer but packag-

Abbey National policy on cheques and interest

From Mr John Berry, Sir, I write in reply to the letter from Gordon Bussey of Pur-ley, published on 7th November, concerning Abbey National's policy on drawing and depositing cheques. Since 1st August 1992, Abbey National has paid interest on all cheques deposited into savings accounts from the fourth working day. This is in line with most of our major

All 10 million Abbey National savers received notification of this change in their annual statements in April of this year.

Mr Bussey's second point referred to cheques drawn on savings accounts. When a withdrawal is made by cheque, the amount is transferred to Abbey National's

Disgust at being termed an 'Aunt Nellie'

From Mr Robert Cole Sir, Whilst fully appreciating the National Association of Pension Funds' discussion document setting out proposals for a compensation scheme to protect members of company pension funds will attract a wide range of opinion from the pensions world — I must protest at Peter Styles' comments (November 7).

As a member of a Maxwell-Group pension scheme who contributed over some 30 years and who was due to retire in 18 months, 1 find it was treated as an Aunt Sally and my contributions "went walkies" - but to find myself classified among the "Poor old Auntie Nellies who must get her pension" I find patron-

ising, if not insulting. Mr Styles, as group compensation and benefits manager of a large group of com-

panies do you not appreciate pension fund members represent about the largest group of investors on the stock market?

No. Mr Styles, pension fund members are not "Poor old Aunt Nellies" towards whom you feel you should have some patronising conscience — let me remind you we provide your very bread and butter particularly whilst companies enjoy pensions holidays and are allowed to cream off pension fund surpluses.

I would remind you of King Charles II's alleged dying TEQUEST TO THIS COURT — "LET IN poor Nellie starve" - his Court heeded his words might us Nellies hope the NAPF members will find a solution to this problem rather than reasons why not. Yours faithfull ROBERT COLE, 11 Sheridan Crescent,

Chislehurst, Kent.

She says shes cancelled your Barclaycard



Phantom of the Barclaycard

From Mr L. Burgess.
Sir. On December 24th 1990,
my wife received a letter from BardayCard acknowledging her letter (imaginary) asking them to cancel her Barclay Card. It was December 24th, so I went into the local branch of Barclays at East Finchley, N2., and showed them the letter. Of course my wife had never asked for her card to be cancelled, and had no intention of doing so. Enquiries went on at Barclays for several weeks, various letters and phone-calls expressing profuse apology were received, and nally their supervisor phoned

to say: That though the matter had been investigated at the very highest level, they were unable to explain why their letter had been sent." So instead of a "phantom withdrawal" we had a phan-

That was the end of the matter, and we have had a good laugh many times when we think about it. Where did our phantom cancellation Yours faithfully.

L BURGESS. 235 Creighton Avenue, East Finchley,

It pays to read bank statements closely

From Mr L. O' B. Deacon Sir. On 2nd October I cashed a cheque for £100 at my bank and my account was duly debited with that amount on the same day. On 6th October I was debited a second time with the same amount in respect of the identical cheque. When I wrote to my bank I

received the following explanation: hank you for your letter of 19th October, bringing to my attention an error on your

statement on 6th October. "I have now discovered that the error was made by us and was caused by a duplicate processing of your cheque for

"Such an error does not come to light until a customer notices it. However, I have arranged for the money to be refunded immediately and may I thank you for notifying me of this mistake."

It seems that we retired chartered accountants have something to teach the banks about the elements of doubleentry book keeping. I should very much like to know who would have been the beneficiary of my unintended largesse had I been somewhat less

As Mr Cooper says in his letter, it is now totally up to the Yours faithfully L O' B. DEACON. Chartered Accountant,

Windmill Cottage, Old Mill Place. Pulborough. West Stassex

Fee refund is cream on a competitive cake

From Mr Richard Rowlin Sir. With reference to the letter Weekend Money November

For some time The Zurich Insurance Company have been offering to refund the "administration" fee charged by building societies when insurance is taken out with them. They will pay up to £25 of the fee. Zurich rates are

most competitive but the offer is limited. We have placed a -ised in transma leitrable ness with them as you might imagine. Yours faithfully, RICHARD ROWLIN, Chargered Insurance

Practitioner. Thames Valley Insurance Services Ltd., 91b London Road, High Wycombe, Bucks.

Putting wanting into waiting

From Mr and Mrs G. Gordon Sir. Like Mr Paling (November 14) we too have been charged a palmy sum of interest incorrectly on both our Access (64p) and Visa (43p) Cards. These are both Royal Bank of Scotland cards and are paid by direct debit from our Royal Bank account There is, therefore, no question of late payment. Also like Mr Paling, our two letters to the Credit Card Centre have not had the courtesy of a reply. Our latest Visa statement contains no refund though our Branch of the Royal Bank had said we would get a refund plus interest. We still await our next Access statement

We end by quoting our last statements from both Access and Visa: "We apologise if you have had difficulty in contacting our telephone enquiry service. Unprecedented numbers of calls have been received." Yours faithfully. MAJORIE and GERALD GORDON.

2 Eastwoodmains Road, Giffnock. Glasgow.

From Mr.D. A. Norburn Sir. I refer to the letter from Mr Douglas Paling concerning interest charges on Access accounts. I too am very far from being satisfied with the way in which replies do not appear from The Royal Bank of Scotland's Access division.

The statement issued for September 29 caused me to write, questioning the interest charged. Having received no reply, when I sent my cheque on October 17 I asked for a reply to my letter of 29 September. On 29 October a letter dated 27 October was received, acknowledging receipt of my letter of 29 September which is receiving attention". Today (November 16) I still await positive action! Yours faithfully, D. A. NORBURN. 62 Arundei Close,

Lords Wood, Chatham, Kent. From Mrs C. Waring Sir, Mr Douglas Paling should not expect any reply by

post from Access. They will not have received his letters yet. It takes 14 days for a cheque to reach them and according to them the GPO is to blame. Strangel letters posted containing cheques at the same time have reached numerous destinations within one day. However, Access is charging interest on this delay. Up till Angust 92 I have settled my account every month satisfactorily incurring no interest charges. Since August 1992 there have been problems of cheques to Access". If this is happening with many Access customers -Access is making an extra profit Yours faithfully, CHARLOTTE WARING.

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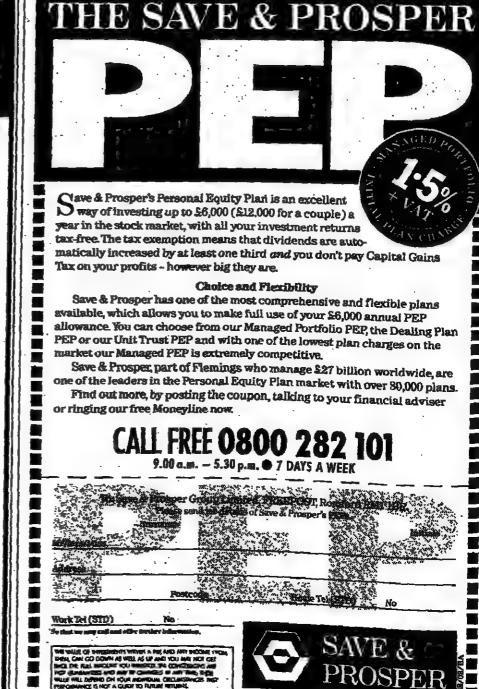
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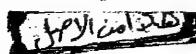
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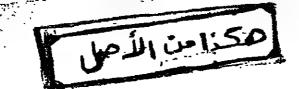
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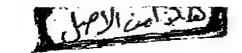


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Injuries hamper world champions

Welsh dragon may lack firepower to topple Australia

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IF A graph had been taken of the expectations of Weish and Australian supporters over the last three weeks about the international at Cardiff Arms Park today, the line on the Welsh side would surely have dimbed dramatically as the touring party stumbled unsteadily from match to match. Two defeats, two poor mid-

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week struggles and a far-fromeasy encounter with Wales B, decorated by an ever-increasing casualty-list, have hardly been the stuff of dreams. The Welsh, moreover, have a far firmer base for optimism from which to operate than last year, that dreadful period when, in two matches, they conceded 101 points to Australia and scored nine.

Wales

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Since then the smile has returned to the face of the dragon, with two five nations' championship wins and a substantial victory over italy last month, during which the Welsh back play was sharply confident Ieuan Evans, the Wales captain, said, "Now we have the perfect chance to measure ourselves against a team that is the best in the world and which beat us so easily last year."

In other circumstances, that examination might have come too soon but Australia are not what they were. The retire-ment of Nick Farr-Jones and a had string of injuries have cut deep into their core. But has the graph of their expectancy dipped so significantly?

Australia

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V Olahengaue

R J McCall

Michael Lynagh, the captain and stand-off half, denies it. He is one of the long casualty-list himself but, have ing had an operation in Brisbane on the shoulder dis located against Ireland, he rejoined the tour last weekend and has been working with Paul Kahl, his replacement today. "There's a good feeling within the team," Lynagh said, and these Australians seldom make such claims just for effect. "The Test is what we have come for and the guys are experienced enough to know what has to be done.

The Welsh have come on a great deal and you have to give credit to the authorities here who realised the game was in the doldrums and sent people out to study what has been going on. There is a lot of talent here, and always has been, but it needed to be channelled in the right direction. They are well on their way back. I hope they are not quite far enough back on Saturday.'

The channel down which Ian Davies and Robert Norster have directed their players is the one called confidence. From there, the players have recovered pride and pleasure in representing their country; today Davies's plans will surely be directed at the inexperienced Kahl who, if he can be pressured, may find it difficult to bring into play one of the best strike forces in the

But the Welsh Achilles' heel is the lineout: even though they have lost John Eales. Australia have ball-winners, in the underrated Rod McCall and Tim Gavin, who will take the weight off Garrick Morgan as he comes to terms with the pace of international rug-by. Both the Welsh locks will have to play far better than form has suggested if they are to break the same stranglehold which destroyed them in the World Cup match in



Passing time: Jones, the Wales scrum half, clears the ball as his team-mates look on at training in Cardiff yesterday

Scots dig deep to knock out England in sevens

Dubai: Scotland, who seemed ucky to have reached the knockout stages of the Dubai sevens, found hidden resources of energy, spirit and ingenuity to win the tournament yesterday (Chris Thau writes

The Scots, who kicked off with an uninspired 12-12 draw against Canada on Thursday, overwhelmed a well-meaning but limited Natal by one goal and three tries to one goal and one try in yesterday's final, winning 22-12.

· With Mark Appleson, their centre in outstanding form, the Scots had knocked out Queensland, the holders of the trophy, in the quarterfinals. Appleson was the man of the tournament.

"It was simply fear and a couple of tactical changes that got them going." Douglas Morgan, who coached the John Jeffrey, said. "A fear of ridicule, the fear of being made to look had, switched them on better than any pep

"In the following game, in the semi-finals, it was enough for them to hear one word: England. The final was almost anti-climatic." Undoubtedly the game

against England was, from an emotional and a playing point of view, the final of the England, beset by injury.

battled bravely but suc-cumbed to Scotland's superior fitness and speed. Both England and Scotland scored three tries and it was a missed conversion that made the difference between win-

ming and losing. PESSULTS: Ouerier-linels: Carsola 26, Ponsonby (NZ) 21 (act): Natal 31, US Grazzies 0; Emplant 12, Bahsala Werblers 7; Scotland 28, Ouennamed S, Serral-linels: Natal 12, Carsola 7 (act), Scotland 19,

MATCH-BY-MATCH GUIDE

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Gloucester v Saracens Gloucester drop five players in an attempt to revive their fortunes. Martin Roberts plays his first league game of the season at full back in place of Tim Smith while Peter Miles

pisce of Tim Smith while Peter Miles is another league debulant, at No 8 Tony Windo, Dave Kearsey and Andy Deacon comprise a new front row at the expense of Peter Jones, John Hawker and Bob Philips. Saracers bring back Andy Tunningley for his first league game of the season in place of Chris Dossett at full back and John Buckton is fit again after hamstring trouble. Steve Flavenscrott drops out.

Wasps v London Scottish

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13ck Kullick taking over. The former
Cambridge University full back. Andly
Parton, comes in on the left wing for
his first league appearance in place
of Mike Wedderburn Northampson or Mike Wedderburn Northampton are without the injured lan Humter, John Steele moving to full back, allowing Sebastien Tubb to play at stand-off. Rob McNeupriton's broken thumb allows Matthew Dawson to move to his normal centre position. Dave Ellangton returns at scrum half

Leicester v Bath

Lecester are without Tony Underwood, injured during the England-South Africa international

Rugby bring in Neil Riley at prop for the suspended Gareth Tregligas and their only other change is also in the front row, where Jason Albuhnckle is preferred to David Pry at hooker, London Irish have a full complement of internationality and are not full

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HOCKEY

PLZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division (1.0), Teddington v Stourport, Old Loughtonians v Neston.

H'quins v Northampton

England-South Amica imentagonal last week, so his brother, Rory, and Steve Hackney play on the wings. Simon Povoas continues at iteriker in place of injured captain, John Wells. Bath are unchanged.

Rugby v London Irish

Seles to battle

FROM BARRY WOOD

IN NEW YORK

MONICA Seles, who had only lost before the final of an event just once in two years. faced defeat in the quarterfinals of the Virginia Slims championship here yesterday. but recovered to overcome Jana Novotna 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Scies's victory was due as much to the Czechoslovak's shortcomings as her own ability to work her way out of trouble. Novotna was able to take advantage of the top seed's puzzling reluctance to play at her usual blistering pace, and her excellent approaches and crisp volleys had Seles on her heels.

It was not until Novoma led 3-0 in the second set that Seles began to assert herself. The process was gradual, but persistent: Novotna could not maintain the intensity of her anack

Her fragile service hardly helped her cause either, as she

produced nine double faults. the last on match point.
Seles said: "I thought that I had to change my game and go for it. I was just pushing the

bali back, and you can't play against Jana like that." Martina Navratilova maintained her winning streak against Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, her 6-1, 2-6, 6-2 victory marking her twelfth

win in 13 meetings.
The 12-year doubles partnership of Natratilova and Pam Shriver went intovoluntary liquidation this week after they were defeated 6-4. 7-5, by Sánchez and Helena Sukova in the semifinals. Natratilova, 36, believes she is no longer able to playing both singles and doubles, but they may still occasionally play together. RESULTS: Quarter-finals: M New (US) bt A Sénchez Viceno (Sp), 6-1, 2: M Seles (Yug) bt J Novotne (Cz), :

☐ Amanda Grunfeld, Brit-

ain's last singles survivor, was beaten 6-2, 5-7, 6-2 by Elena Pampoulova-Wagner, of Bulgaria, in the Texaco women's challenger semi-finals at Nottingham vesterday.

Premier League Coventry v Menchester City.... Crystal Palace v Notim Forest Manchester Utd v Oldham...... Middlesbrough v Wimbledon... Norwich v Sheffield Utd

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Third division Bury v Hereford Colchester v Rochdale ... Crewe v Lincoln....... Doncaster v Carlisle...

Torquay v Scunthorpe. Wresham v Hallfax GM Vauxhall Conference Bath v Altrincham
Famborough v Boston
Keitaring v Bromsgrove
Kidderminster v Stalybridge
Macclesfield v Slough

Yeovil v Witton

FA VASE: Second round: Great Herwood v Bember Bridge. Pickering v Billingham Town, Bridington Town v Eppleton CW; Chester-le-Street v Esh Wireling: Portleland v Garloth. Shotton Comrades v Dunham CN, Hercquie RA v Dunston FB, Athericon Collierte v Worsboro Bridge MW; Waserloo Doos v Ashton United; Athericon Lr v Stocksbridge Park Steets Knowsley v Arnold; Curzon Ashton v Belber; Burscough v Lincoln, Manne Roed v Fibrion, Cammell Lard v Salford City. Eastwood Hardey v North Famby; Newcastle Town v Bridge; Huddrall v Cilpstone Welfare; Norwich United v Stemford; Rothwell v Wesbech; Pelsall Villa v West Midlands Police, Bilston v Wechasheld, Histon v Hindley Athletic. Rushden and Diamonds v Greisley; Oldbury v Stratford, Soakding v Bourne, Stapenhill v Bridgrorth, King's Lynn v Sandwell Borough; Herwich and Parkeston v Einh and Bekedere Peacelberge and Telscombe v Mentham. Bridgmorth, Knigs Lyrin v Saturation of Parkeston v Erith and deliveriere Peacehaven and Telecombe v Northwood, Cray Wanderers v Merstham. Harefield v kingsbury, Metropotitan Potica v Tibury, Hoddesdon v Potion; Great Yermouth v Loweston; Edmans v Berton, Haishram v Clapton, Walthamasow Pennant v Tiptrae, Saffron Walden v Russib Manor; Dunatable v Bucknighten, Stitingbourne v Centrey; Suchury Wanderers v Carwey Island; Turbindge Wells v Tonbridge; Milton Kaynes Borough v Tring: Malden Vale v Hentford; Burnham Ramblens v Bensteed Hentford; Burnham Ramblens v Bensteed Athletic; Corinthian Casuals v Diss; Heriford: Burnitam Famiblers v Benstead Afriesic, Contribina Casuds v Des; Burnham v Saethratgeworth, Ash United v Littlehampton; Newport, IoW v Thatcham; Cranleon v North Leigh. Hungerford v Witney, Heritsy Witney v Bournemouth; Oxford City v Evasham; Forest Green v Leatherhead, First Tower v Hawstry, Yels v Paulton; Clavedon v Bernsteple; Wirthome v Almondstury Picksons, Bernerton Heath Harhequins v Taunton, Welton v Biracombe, Newquay v AFC Lymington. Tiverton v Cindertord

Scottish League Premier division

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Gueen's Park-v Berwick (2,0)

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Glossop North End, Blackpool Rovers v
Darwen; Chaciderion v Bradford Perk
Avenue, Kldegrove Affaicite v Pentitr;
Nartwich v Presool; St Helens v Blackpool
Mechanics: Steinnessdie v Chrievoe.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division:
Bristof Manor Farm v Torquey Unled:
Chard v Westbury; Dawish v Chippenham.
Evrouth v Satisach; Frome v Bidelond:
Tornington v Listeard Athetic.

SOUTHERN CLYMFIAN LEAGUE: First SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Pirst division: Mili Hill Village v Southgate Coursy, Old Finchleiens v Perkleid; Old

INS V Old Feirlophens.

LONDON OLD 8078: Sentor Cup: Meadonisna v Share, Chertsay v Ignationis - Tenkonsay v Carolina Manning; Tiffiniana v Sadoopians; Mill Hill City v Wilsonsens; Aldenhamians v Hamptoniana; Minchenderaina v Hamptoniana; Minchenderaina v Hamptoniana; Groenfordians v Wolkingrans; Cabon v Season v Season v Season v Wolkingrans; Northern Countries EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Amatope Welfare v Denaby, Oseot Abont v Liversedge, G and W Engineering Cato: Brockworth MW v Glasshoughton Wel; Hall Road Rangers v Melby MW; Rosengton Main v Ecoleshili; Selby v Speringroon; Shetlield v Winterton Rangers; Ashibet v Ceset Town; Tedocaster Abson v RES Parkpata; Thackey v Hellern; Yorke Amanus v Fortherst Col. NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division:

Ventucke v ventu rent.
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Southampton v Blackburn (4.0). Bardays League First division

v Charlion Alhletic (2.55)

Wolverhempton

Barnet v Cardiff (1.0)......

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF INELAND (2:30 urless stated) Premier division: Bohe-mans v Cork (3:30): Bray v Deny; Limanck v brophede: Sharmock Rovers v St Patnick's: Sigo v Simbourne.

HF8 LOANS LEAGUE: First division Workington v Shepshed Albion (12.0).

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Woulten's FA: Premier division: Bronte v Doncaster, [poster) v Knowsley, Millingt v Arsanal; Stenton v Wimbledon; Scuthampon v Macastone. First division north: Cowgasa v Villa; Notinigham v Lessowe; Sheffield Wednesday v Sundarland; Sheffield Wednesday v Sundarland; Shefield v Abbeydala Alvachurd; Wolverhampton v Ablian Keynes, First division south: Engiston and Hove v Hessocis. Beacon; District Line v Hemel Hempspaad; Horsham v Brastol; Odord United v Town and County, Epsom and Ewell v Setzleen.

rugby union

Tenby United v Cross Keys (2.80) REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Hampshire v New Zesland Combined Services (at Havent, 20)

NATWEST COLTS COUNTY CHAMP-IONSHIP: Quarter-linels: Burrey v Gloucestershire (at Sulton and Epson, 2-30pm); Kert v North Michanda (at Blackheeth, 2-30pm).

MOTOR RALLYING

Heineken Welsh League

Second division

RUGBY UNION International match

Courage Clubs Championship First division Bristol v Orrell.

larlequine v Northampton eicester v Beth (3.30) Rugby v London Insh...... Wasps v London Scottsh Second division Bedford v Sale..... Fylde v Waterioo (2.15)

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Fourth division south

Wycorne (230)
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Weston-super-Mare (2.30)
Southend v Basingstoke (2.30)
Thurrock v North Walsham (2.30)

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Second division

Liverpool St Helens (2.30) Leads v Redruth (2.30) Sheffield v Broughton Park

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Wanderers v Terenure...........

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Plast division: Bournelle v Sough
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Teddington (Crystal Palace, 1.30), East
Grinstead v Sourport (Sain Hill. 215).
Prebrands v Watton (Ciston College,
Bristol, 20) Havani v St. Abone (Havani
College, 2.15). Neston v Cannock (Neston
RC, 2.0) Old Lougionians v Hounslow
(Chighrell, 20); Southgats v Cantectury
(Broomfield School, 2.0); Satorion v Trolens
Sugden Road, 2.30). Second divisions:
Bartord Tigens v Guildord (Holyhead LC
Bernsgham, 1.9) Bream-v Phasting (King
Alfred Fc, 12.0); Erhodiands v Bevston (The
Pavilion, Sale, 2.0); Chelmsford v Wanngton (Chelmer Park, 2.0); Chelmsford v Wanngton (Chelmer Park, 2.0); Chelmsford V Barngton (Chelmer Park, 2.0); Chelmsford Peach, 2.0);
Lyons v Cambridge Cay (Vate Faze,
Sudbury, 2.30), Old (Ingistonians v Doncasier (Lensbury Ground, Texhington,
2.0); Richmond v Herbone (Texhington,
2.0); Richmond v Herbone (Texhington,
2.0); Path SCHOOL 24)
PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUEPremier division; Hourision v Hampsteat.
First division: Oxford University v

NATIONAL TROPHY: Warren: Second round: Stonebridge v Cardil

LONDON AND 90UTH EAST: Courage Clubs Championship: Pirst division: Eating v Old Mid-Whitgiftens; Elon Manor v Sidoup; Old Alloymen v Old Colleaine; Streethart and Corpolon v Old Gaytonans; Sution and Epsort v Barting; Tabard v Guidlowd and Godelming Second division north. Cembridge v Ioswick, Cheshurt v Lensbury; Finchley v Changlord, Hartow v Woodlord; Old Edwardians v Norwick, Bussigs v Upper Craptism. Second division outlit: Cembridge v Old Registers; Charlon Park v Old Blace; Lawes v Grawssend, US Portsmouth v KCS Old Bloss; Westcombbe Park v Old Luddian, Worthing v Thanes Wanderers. Third. diwision north-west: Fußeners v Graesaroppers; Kingsbursins, v Portsmoum v KCS Un Boys; Westcombe Park v Old Juddism, Worthing v Thanes Wanderes. Third division north-west: Falteners v Greentopoers; Kingsburgers v Letchworth. Old Albamans v Old Vesaleniens; Old Merchent Taylors' v Old Mithilans; Satines v Old Babetrens; Welwyn v Harpenden. Third division north-east: Besidon v Campon; Brainree v Woodbridge; Berntwood v Westaldit. Cantabrigum v Rochlord. Colchester v Romford and Gades Park: Salfron Walden v Canvey Istand. Third division south-east: Allon v Cranleigh, Estegin v Old Empaulst. Jersey v Goy's Hospital: Old Walcoursers; Winchester v Wortingtean. Third division subth-east: Chichester v Est. Circulation, Estegin v Bet, Canvey v Brotsmouth, Purley v Old Windeldoniens; Winchester v Wartingtean. Third division subth-east. Chichester v Est. Circulation, Canvey v Bagdison. Destordans v Turbridge Wells, Enth v Bedscharm, How'r Old Brockleiens; Old Beccelerniens v Giffingham Anchorans Middiesex and Herder Centious v Hernel Herystead. Hendon v London New Zealand, Hitchut v Clid Meadoniens, St. Many's Hospital v Hamiley; Stevenage v Henrol.

TOMORROW.

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women: First thiksen: See v Bikarnia Mass: Heckney, KLEA Leeds to Woothets Bradon, London Lytin v Dynamo London; Ashcombe Dorlang v Wessies. TABLE TENNIS

BRITISH LEAGUE Premier Laaguit Vyrnus v Bath: Tean Penile v NFD Grove; Si Necs v Launceston. First divation north: Webngborough v Humberside: Lincoln v Britinghem, Wast Wenvolshine v NFD Grove; Croherham v Meton Keynes. Finst Metolich acuti: Horshem Angels v Pontypool, Hamgey v Badh: Ellerborough v NFD Latovr, Britished. TENNIS

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Puma Sunderland v Topspin Desington:
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v Clearveir Bretancod: Welloyn Spin v
Purras Welsyn Area 5A: David Uloyd
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v Rochampton, Area 6B: Edward Alleyn's B
v David Liloyd Finchigh, Reserved Chiswick w
BBC. Area 8: Bourn's Famban v David
Loyd Heaton: Queen's Cult v Ealing: Royal
Berkstrine v Carton Area 7: Chris Lami
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Avenue Nove v Cardon Area 7: Chris Lami
Wolong v Maidistone Foress: Pavilion and
Avenue Nove v Cardon.
Kingdey v Melach Polni Southsampton.
Marydown Bearingstole v Alverstole Bosgot; West hens Boumemouth v
Centracourt Bearingstole. TENNIS

McEwan's inter-district

(at Goldenacre, 2.0).........

UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Edinburgh vi Glasgow (at Inverteith, 12.0) Club matches

Club matches

Ayr v Boroughmur (2.0) ...

Edinburgh Academicals v Henot's FP (2.0) ...

Glasgow Academicals v Gala (2.0) ...

Meticae v Langholm (2.0) ...

Musselburgh v Hawlick (2.0) ...

Presion Lodge v Clarkston (2.0) ...

Stiring County v Kimamoch (2.0) ...

Watsonians v Stewart's Met FP (2.0) ...

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West of Scotland v Jed-Forest (2.0)

Mitton Newnes v Beezonzfield, Oxford Liansmon v Chezham'r Whealey v Churnor, Wenley v Origins.

NORTH': Courage Clube Champtonshot: First dissiont Braction's and Bropley v Vale of Lane, Hastlepool Rovers: Wigton, Sandia v Hub Ionanc. Tynedaile v Middles-brough; Whatledale v Stodcon, Wichnes v Lymm. Second division: Brachtand Plant v Hardersheld, Haldra v Sandbach, Northwich v York Cld Cossievers v Marnchester, Wigna v West Park Branthopa. West Park (St Helens) v Altrandt. Northwest v Host Cossievers v Marnchester, Wigna v West Park Branthopa. West Park (St Helens) v Altrandt. Northwest Second Gruston: Cld Aldwindras v Valadonator Police Windle v Kirkly Lonadale: Gis Salans v Rossandele. South Lareppoi v Ortestor; Windlow v Natharias; Workenston v Rockate Combine and Lancashine North. Famest v Ocham; Reswick v Victars, Moresby v St Benedics; Tyldestey v Perwin Upper Eden v Metpovick Vincermere v De la Salle (Safard) Cheshire and Lancashine South: Asput v Crewe and Rantwich Douglas v Newton-la-Widwel, Leigh v Old Parkonians, Park v Lareppol Collegate, St Mary's Cid Boys v Altracham kersal North Bast: Pirk division: Brander v Undern Rippo v Berkington v Repton v Wolsen, Burnandham Sohluli v Derby, Learnington v Berkington v

Scotten North and Midlands South of Scotland

Wast of Scotland v Jed-Freest (2 0)

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SOUTH WEST: Courage Cubin Champloriship: First division: Gordon League v Chellerhiam. Mandermead in Penyle, Newbury v Sherborne, Reading v Bindharm: St. Ives v Herrier, Saisbury v Conderford Second delesion: Battley v Conderford Second Deversion: Odor v Windsor, Stroud 1. Old Curverhaysians Western Courages: Levon and Committee Odor Conderford Second Committee College of Progracia and Newlyn v Anorstrauth, Twenton v Plymouth CS Southern Courages: Boreston of Devention of Conderford Progracia and Newlyn v Anorstrauth, Twenton v Plymouth CS Southern Courages: All Conderford Programment of Second Manderson v Aborge, Wicholme v Chepsenham Comment and Devention of Wiselesson of Conderford Programment of Newcoord Programment of Newcoord Programment Office of Programment Office of Programment Office on Programment Office of Office on Programment Office

First division (1.0), Tedoington v stourpon, Old Loughtoners v Neston.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pinst division: Chelmstond v Ipswich. Cition v Pervision. Exmouth v Paling, Highrown v Peuron Cotoffield: Balsam Lacester v Sough, Wertbledon v Doncaster Second division: Blueharts v Bradford switherbank Brachrell v Trogens, Cambridge City v Sundertand Badans; Cotwall v Sherwood. Yate v Harteston Magpros.

SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol v Gloucesters. City, Bath Buccs v Taumon; Cievedon v Hereford. East Devon v Ysowi; West Gloucester v Easter Limenstry, Westbury Banks v Marborough. Weston-super-hare v Phymouth. ERNST AND VOUNG MOLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Beiper v Worcester Norton, Bridginston v Coventry and North Warneck, Khalse v Derby ERNST, AND VOUNG NORTH PREMIER. West Warwick, Edigbaston v Lavosaar Westlesgih, Hampton in Anden v Goventry and North Warwick, Khalsa v Derby ERNST AND YOLING NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE First division: Alderley Edge v Walefield: Durham University v Norton, Formby v Sheffeed, Timperley v Ben Phydding, York v Highrown Northern. PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier A: Anchoners v Tulse Hill, Blackheath v Old Tauritonians. Bournemouth v Hempothed and Westminister Eastcate v Wimbledon; Marderhead v Ashtond. Oxford Hawke v High Mycombe, Ramgarhie v Lloyds Bank, Staines v Worthing, Weylonigo Hawks v Old Williamsonians. Cay of Portsmouth v Purley; Dulworh v London University, Fareham v Old Williamsonians. Cay of Portsmouth v Purley; Dulworh v London University, Fareham v Old Williamsonians. Cay of Portsmouth v Purley; Dulworh v London University, Fareham v Nicknight Russets: Goré Court v Beckerham; Spencer v Chichester. Inchndge Wells v Old Bordenians. Winchester v Wolding; Woldingham v Orbord University Reponats: Hampehire and Sursey. Andower v Old Edwartiens, Besingsroke v Oxshott: Reet v Old Mid-Whitightians, Cosin v Barnes, Hemble Old Boys v Metropolitan Polico. Lensbury v Camberley Merion v Oraci; Prelli v Old Walcounitains; Walton v Epsom. Kernl end Sussex: BICC v Rochester and Gilingham, Bognor v Old Bootshamans; Crowborough v Horsham. Gravesend v Binghton Greenwich v Sevenceiss; Lewes v Eastbourne, Middlesex, Berlishire, Bucks, and Oxon: Americham V Morris Motors; Very of Oxford v Brachest; Gerande Cross v HCC. Haye v Merfow, Harrow v Old Metchant Taylons; Hendon v Aylesbury, Mil Hill v NPL, Soudgela Adel v Windsor. Bishops Window, Surbury v Erheld.

NORIMCH UNKON EASTERN COUNTIES
LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishops
Stortord v Luton; Bury S. Edmunds v
Redbridge and Illord, Derekan v Westchil,
Norwich Cry v Cambridge University,
Pelicans v Ipswich, Peterborough Town v
Colchester; Stevenage v Blueharis; West
Herra v Crisslyx, Wisbach v Ford.

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HZZA ELYESS LONDON LEAGUE:
Premier division: Old Kungstoniens v
Surbton: Reading v Southgate, Richmand v
St Albans: Teddington v Old Loughtoniens:
Wintbledon v Broniev. First division:
Blackheith v Spencer: Oxford University v
Guildtont, Stough v Purlsy; Tulse Hill v
Dulwich; Weythridge v Cheem.

RUGBY LEAGUE NATIONAL AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: Asturn v Wigen St Patricks, Dewbury Cellic v Sacdieworth; Dudley Hill v Egramont; Heworth v Leigh East; Minera. Second division: Beverley v Milliord; East Leeds v Barrow lasnd, Grestland Ar v Shaw Crose; Mayfield v Lock Lane, Moldgreen v Redhill, Outon v Welney Central.

BASKETBALL CAPLIBBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men:
Pret division: Birmingham Buffets
v Thernes Valley Tigers; Octoy
Bucks v Guidrord Kings; Hennel
Hempsteed Proyals v Manchester Glants;
Lecester Riders v Sunderland Saints;
Worthing Beats v Chechire Jess, Wornen;
First division: Checham Lades v Thannes
valley; Licester Lades v Northampton;
London YMCA v Ipsmich; Sheffield Hatters v
Notingham Wildcass.

NATIONAL CUP: Men: Second round: Solent v Ware; Plymouth v Coventry, Bury v Crystal Palace. NATIONAL TROPHY: Women: Second round: Doncester v South Tyneside, Sunderland v Uppingham.

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Semi-linei: Cardiff Devils y Notinghern Part-thers (Wales National to Brill, 630).

HERMENDA MATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier clivision: Billingham Bombers v Whitely Warnon; File Plyers v Dutham Wesper First clivision: Basingstoke Beavers v Medwey Bears, Stough Jetz v Levysley Lone, Swington Wildozs v Romford Raiders, Terford Tigers v Millon Keynes Kings.

VOLLEYBALL

ROWAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Tooting Aquita v Speedwell Puzanor: Wossex v Reebook Leergool City, KLEA Leeds v Newcessie Staffs; Polonia Ealing v Mizano Metrov I members LACROSSE SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: Piret division: Hillcroft v Hampslead, Bath v kenton; Hactan v Pustey, London University v Croydon.

BOWLS: Manchester Unity Liberty Trophy Group two: Lancashire v Northumberland, Derbyshire v Durham.

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Donington

returns

to circuit

Donington Park will stage a Formula One motor race for

the first time since 1938 after

the International Motor

Sports Federation yesterday

confirmed next year's Euro-

pean grand prix will be held at

The race will be held on

April 11 and replaces the originally scheduled Asian

The Fisa world council also put back by two weeks the

South African grand prix at Kyalami, to March 14, and

the Interlagos event in Brazil, to March 28.

Yachting: Ben Vines, 18, of

Petersham, Surrey, yesterday reached the final of the inter-

national youth match racing championship in Auckland.

☐ Fourteen single-handed

yachts leave the Biscay coast of

France tomorrow in the Vend-

te Globe, a non-stop 27,000-

mile race around the world.

Yorkshire's move

Cricket: Yorkshire have made

an official approach to Rich-

ard Stemp, the left-arm spin-

ner released by Worcestershire. If Stemp

signs, Phil Carrick is expected

to be appointed captain of the

Football: England have been

drawn in the same group as Turkey, the European cham-

pions. South Korea and the

United States in the world

youth championship in Aus-

Motor rallying: Katrin

Krabbe, the double world

sprint champion, plans to compete in the Dubai Rally on

December 2 as co-driver for

Biathlon: A record 550 com-

petitors will take part in the

finals of the national champi-

onships in Sheffield this week-

end. Each has qualified from a

Boxing: Colin McMillan, the

former WBO featherweight

champion, has signed a new

five-bout deal with the pro-

Rughy union: South Wales

Electricity is to put up £1 mil-

Challenge Cup for four years.

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The Parks: Oxford University v Hampshire

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Leicester: Leicestershire v Notinghemshire Lord's: Middlesex v Kent Gloucesterchire Hove: Sussex v Surray Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Derbyshire 11-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP

Stockton-on-Tees or Jesmond: Durham or Minor Countries v Hampshire or Combined Universities Bristal or Derby: Gloubesterstwe or Derbystine v Middlesex Centerbury or Caroliff: Kent or Glantorgan v Sussex Leicester: Leicestershire v Warwickshire Trent Bridge: Nottlinghamshire v Somerset The Ovel: Survey v Lancashire Worcester: Worcesterster v Scotland or Essex Headingley: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire

Elsworth's 100-1 Champion Hurdle wager on promising five-year-old is vindicated with Ascot success

Morley Street's vulnerability exposed by Muse

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

LESS than 24 hours after backing Muse at 100-1 for the Champion Hurdle, David Elsworth saw his judgement vindicated yesterday when his hurdler got up in the last strides to beat Morley Street. 5-2 on to win the Racecall Ascot Hurdle for the third

As Elsworth was the first to point out. Muse was a shade lucky and the result says more about Morley Street's vulnera-bility when he hits the front

_ Toby Balding's 1991 cham-pion hurdler has a high cruising speed and almost glides over the obstacles as though they do not exist; so much so that he jumped himself to within a length or so of the lead at the third last.

Richard Duriwoody sensibly restrained Morley Street until approaching the last flight where Muse made a mistake. leaving the favourite suddenly in the lead.

With the course commentator and most of the crowd sure that the race was all over. Morley Street began to slow down and Muse fought back to win in the last strides. It is not the first time Moriey Street has appeared to pull

himself up after striking the front and Balding reflected: "He thinks as soon as he has done it that is the winning post. He is a quaint one. We have seen that before."

IT WILL variously be blamed

on the recession and the

It remains a fact that

Aintree's first November

meeting for 20 years, the

outcome of a prolonged cam-

paign by jump racing people

and conious promotion by the

track, is in danger of being

considered a flop even before

The seven races on today's

valuable card have attracted

only 53 runners. Ten go in the

Crowther Homes Becher

Chase, run over a circuit-and-

a-half of the Grand National

course and, ostensibly, the authentic National trial for

which irainers have been

In at least two households

this morning, however, such

indifference to the unique

Donald McCain junior and

Johany Bradburne are at

opposite ends of racing's age

and experience scale but, in

the way that this course alone

taking place.

clamouring.

lure of Aintree

reasonable.

vagaries of race planning.

Elsworth said: "I am under no illusions. We were a bit fortunate because Morley Street pulled himself up. but he is likely to do that and he is a horse who has to be produced very late."

Nevertheless, the trainer's £50 each-way investment on one of last season's top novices has a more solid look to it. although Elsworth has not ruled out the Stayers' Hurdle or even novice chasing for his "fun" horse.

Oh So Risky, who finished close behind Morley Street and Granville Again at Cheltenham on Sunday, is his main Champion Hurdle contender and Elsworth reiterated his view that Granville Again has little chance of landing the hurdling crown.
"I don't know how anyone

can fancy Granville Again." Elsworth said before picking holes in his form last season. "He's not got the form to do Declan Murphy has posed punters with a puzzle in to-day's H & T Walker Gold Cup

Chase by deserting Bradbury Star, Ascor's big-race favour-ite, to partner his stable companion, Deep Sensation. "The ground will help him and I was very impressed with Deep Sensation when he beat

Young Pokey here last year. He was not right in the Arkle.

probably needed his first race

can contrive, they share a romantic ideal which no

amount of realism can

McCain is the son of one of

the Grand National's human

giants. Ginger McCain

trained Red Rum to win the

race three times and, next

April he plans to run City

Entertainer, with 22-year-old

Donald riding. Horse and jockey have their Aintree trial

first won it." mused Ginger yesterday. "We bought this

horse cheap, at Ascot, for

young Donald to ride in the

National. He's brainwashed

by the race - but then, he

Bradburne is beyond the

starry-eyed age but, where

Aintree dreams are con-

cerned, there is no upper

limit. Today is his 47th birth-

day, the one subject he baulked at discussing from

the Edinburgh office where he

conducts his day job as a

"You could say my riding career didn't take off until I

chartered surveyor.

would be, wouldn't he?"

"It will be 20 years since we

Muse leads Morley Street over the last hurdle at Asoot vesterday on his way to a surprise victory over the former champion watched his last run at Chepstow on television, I think I would have ridden differently." he explained. Murphy, whose brother, Earnonn, takes the ride on Bradbury Star, was speaking

after partnering Annio

Chilone to his first chasing success for Josh Gifford and

fiddled about at it for more

than 20 years until we got a

decent horse called General

Chandos. Now we have Inter-

im Lib. He's already jumped

round Aintree in the John

Hughes Chase but we don't

want to think about the National until after

Not thinking about the National is, I suspect, an

impossibility for both these men. McCain has lived with it

all his life. Bradburne may be

playing Peter Pan but, as he is

quick to point out: "Dick

Saunders was 48 when he

first rode the National fences.

He is an old hand now, today

being his fifth attempt, and

although interim Lib will be

two stone out of the handicap,

he will carry a measure of

is run by Mrs Sue Bradburne,

who has held a full licence for

six years and has 15 horses in

work. "Johnny rides out every morning." she explains, add-

The yard in rural Fifeshire

Bradburne was 43 when he

won the National."

stabie optimism

his wife, Althea, in whose colours the six year-old runs. Sybillin jumped like a seasoned chaser rather than a novice in winning the Hurst Park Novices' Chase and, given his hurdling speed, is already being pencilled in for the Arkle by Jimmy

Aintree still encompasses the faithful

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT PATCHES) ing cryptically, "and I ask his advice whenever I can get to speak to him, which is nor-mally on the telephone or by "But tomorrow's race has

long been planned. It would be the best possible birthday present for Johnny if he won. Neither the Bradburnes nor the McCains will hear a (£1,730: 2m 1f 110yd) (13) word against the National Ginger McCain, its most

trenchant supporter, even says: "I just wish all these dogooders would leave the place alone. Aintree is a man's course. Take that away, as they are doing by modifying the fences so much, and it will lose its character." It will not, however, lose the

support of the faithful. Bradburne's view of Aintree - "it gets to you, it's wonderful" - is fully shared

home. Ginger studied today's 2-7 Vant Prince, 9-2 On The Test, 10-1 Roomey. card and said defiantly: "They should make this a two-day meeting next year and have three races over the big

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☐ A punter's £100 yankee with Sunderlands yesterday landed £44,973 when Maudlins Cross (4-5). Norman Conqueror (2-1), Annio Chilone (6-1) and Firm Price (100-30) won.

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Lord's: Middlesex v Sussex
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Season of radical change

CRICKET followers have just under five months in which to steel themselves for a reshaped summer (Marcus Williams writes). The 1993 fixture list, released in full yesterday, provides the detail of radical changes already announced: the Britannic Assurance county championship will consist exclusively of four-day matches (with Thursday starts and each county playing the other 17 once and the Benson and Hedges Cup

becomes a straight knockout. On top of that, the Lord's opener involving the champion county is replaced by the Tetley Bitter Shield (Essex v England A at Cheimsford) - and there will be coloured

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8-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP Sent-finals

clothing in the Sunday league, now sponsored by Axa Equity & Law and increased to 50 overs a side. Contrary to earlier fears, most of the popular county festivals survive, although mainly reduced to one four-day and one Sunday match. in May, Glamorgan take a Sunday match to Pentyrch, near Cardiff. for the first time, but Uxbridge sadly disappears from Middlesex's

list after 12 seasons. England have six Tests and three one-day internationals against Australia, and it is a strange twist to the three-day/four-day argument that the Australians, pioneers of domestic four-day cricket, continue to play the counties over three days.

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14-FESTIVAL MATCH (one day)

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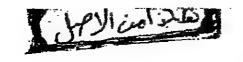
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> July 18: MCA Young Cricketers v Comb Services
> Aug 1: Women's Word Cup finel
> Aug 18-1e: MCC v Ireland
> Aug 27: NGA club championship finel
> Aug 28: Rothmans village championship finel



Bradbury Star to atone in Ascot feature

TWELVE months ago, I se lected Bradbury Star to win the H & T Walker Gold Cup at Ascot, only to see him misjudge the first fence and unseat his jockey.

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The irony of that debacle was that he then proceeded to win seven of his next eight races, besides finishing a close second to the unbeaten Milnnehoma at the Cheltenham festival

So I hope I'm not tempting. fate a second time by napping the Josh Gifford-trained seven-year-old to atone for that rare lapse by winning the same feature event today. Bradbury Star enters the race on a crest having won his

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Haydock on Wednesday of Run For Free and Jodami. who finished behind him, but in the reverse order, at Aintree last spring when he won the valuable Mumm Mildmay Novices' Chase.

Although it was over further that Bradbury Star won at Cheltenham last Friday, and indeed at Liverpool, he will not be inconvenienced by today's shorter trip as it was over this distance that he won five Star makes more appeal.

Arthur Moore and Kim Bailey are other represented trainers who have won it before. Moore was successful with Weather The Storm in 1987 while Bailey won with Kings Fountain last year and Man O'Magic two years

Moore now relies upon the consistent Second Schedual while Bailey fields last year's runner-up. Far Senior.

On New Year's Day, Bradbury Star gave Danny Harrold 71b and a three-anda-half length beating over twoand-a-half miles at Chellenham

With an 81b pull, Danny Harrold has an obvious chance of revenge. Cyphrate and Beech Road

2.05 H & T WALKER GOLD CUP CHASE (Grade II: limited handicap: £27,440: 2m 3f 110yd) (10 numers)

Long Intellistips: Saladi Reer 9-5, Young Heater 8-8.

BETTING. 3-1 Banduny Star, 6-1 Deep Scootion, Beach Reef, The Bipeleaster 7-1 Second Schedust. 8-1 Deep Herdel, Yer Senior, 12-1 Cyclogis, 65-1 Young Hustler, Sabald Roser

1991: KINGS FOUNTAIN 8-11-1 A Tary (7-2) \$ Spiley 8 (30

prize back to Findon again. have been handicapped ac-Over today's trip, Bradbury conding to their running in the Welsh Champion Novices' Chase at Chepstow in the

Cyphrate, the victor on that



Tinkler: safe bet with Satin Lover occasion, has not rum since. but Beech Road performed well at Cheltenham last Saturday when third in the Mackeson.

Jenny Pitman is intent on letting her horses do her talking these days. While The Illywhacker, her runner here. won at Wincamon earlier this month, I still prefer the classier Bradbury Star.

Freeline Finishing, who misses the big race in order to concentrate on the shorter Manicou Handicap Chase, can vindicate that decision. Mizyan, an honourable second to the subsequent

Haydock winner Bollin Wil-

liam, is taken to get the better

of Easy Buck in the Forte

Handicap hurdle. Belmount Captain, fresh from winning at Cheltenham last Saturday albeit over fur-

YESTERDAY'S

Ascot

Going: good to self

while the safest bet on the card must surely be Nigel Tinkler's Satin Lover to win the Kennel Gate Castle Novices Hurdle. sadly at pretty skinny odds.

Aintree's first autumn meeting since 1965 can provide the season's leading jockey. Richard Dunwoody, with a treble on New Your Talkin (12.45). Baydon Star (1.45) Thombs Up (3.55).

However, Brown Windsor, his ride in the Crowther Homes Becher Chase, has yet to show his old zest to cope with the top weight, Cool Ground, who captured the Gold Cup at Cheltenham last March.

Cool Ground also jumped a dear round at Ainmee in the Grand National, so the big fences there clearly hold no

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Dunlop hoping to add to Italian haul

JOHN Dunlop, whose raids on Italian prizes have brought home over £650,000 so far this season, has two runners at the Capannelle. Rome. lomorrow.

Pizza Connection (Darryll Holland) takes on older horses in the group three Premio Umbria over six furlongs, among them the Richard Hannon-trained Swing Low (Richard Quinn).

Pizza Connection was unplaced in the Racecall Gold Trophy at Redcar last time out but had previously finished second in two listed races in

He may again reach a place. but the French-trained Crack Reciment looks the one to

(Quinn) in the group two Premio Guido Berardelli over ten furiongs.

Also in the 12-runner field is David Elsworth's Bobbie Dee Liohn Williams), Paul Cole's Frescade (Alan Munro) and the former Peter Chapple-Hyam-trained Wootton Rivers

Wootton Rivers had Futurballa in third place, winning by a length-and-a-half and a neck, when landing the Premio le Marmore on this course earlier this month. However, Dunlop's colt has a 31b pull in the weights and

could take his revenge. At Turin, Captain Le Saux runs his last race for Michael Bell in the listed Premio Amedeo Pevron.

of his races last season. first race of the current season Having won today's race on similar ground at Cheltenfive years ago with Saffron ham eight days ago. Lord, Josh Gifford also runs His overall form has been Deep Sensation in a twoupheld by the performances at pronged altempt to take the "MANDARIN THUNDERER 1.00 Freeline Finishing. 1.00 Fragrant Dewn. 1.30 Mizvan. 2.05 BRADBURY STAR (nep). 2.05 Bradbury Star. 2.35 Belmount Cantain. 3.10 Satin Lover. 3.10 Satin Lover. 3.40 hor's Flutter. GOING: GOOD TO SOFT 1.00 MANICOU HANDICAP CHASE (£9,870; 2m) (6 runners) BETTINR: 3-1 Prestine Flatshing, 9-4 Fraguard Down, 5-1 Pr's Luty, 5-1 Moreant Of Trust, 14-1 others. 1907: SETTER COUNCIPY 7-10-4 W Index (2-1) A Hadges 3 asp FORM FOCUS FU'S LADY base Rises 44 in 3-runner Chellenbares (2m. pood to firm) bendisep classe on permitinate surf. LADWENT OF TRUTH running-as 21 and of 6 to Cay County in Wales (2m. 1, good) bendisep class. LADWENT OF TRUTH running-as 21 and 6 to Cay Can 4, good) bendisep class. APRISHIN bend Holdenmann 4 in 6-runner Hunden, SETTER COUNTRY, successful in this race last year, bending the part of the case last year, bending the class with FUS LADY 271 4ft. FRASFAME Selection: FREELINE PARSHAGE FU'S LADY basic Eliast 48 in 3-rurator Chellochima (2m, pood to firm) handicap classe on permitticale start. MOMENT OF TRUTH running-on 21 2nd of 6 to Clay County in Volun (2m 11, good) handicap 1.30 FORTE HANDICAP HURDLE BBC1 (£11,062: 2m 110yd) (10 runners) (271,USC: 277 TTOyd) (10 natrices) 201 622-41 (DPARME & Q.F.S.S) (N Statis N Handacon 7-17-13 (4mg. J Kanamagh 90 22 220227 CHEEPINE TAMES 201 (D.S.S) (M Starpes) & McMalana 8-11-10. G Robertson (7) 95 203 1120-F8 SDMS OF SDFENDE 40 (D.S.F.P) (P Matton) | Balding 8-11-10. G Robertson (7) 95 204 12430-6 EASY BLUX 21 (D.G.S.) (Barton | Landay Ca) N Stanton 5-11-2. G C Matton 80 204 12430-6 ESTE (V.D.F.G.S) (Berlon | Landay Ca) N Stanton 5-11-2. He is Linea (7) 98 205 2411-PS MODIFICAN NONCOCH 10 (D.F.E) (N McMalana N Tester 8 11-0. B McCard 80 207 110-800 KALANSKO 25 (D.S.) (S Matton) A Major (m) 4-10-11 G Stalpen 93 208 110-8 MCZNAT 14 (D) (C Cand 1) Starten 10-10-10 G Stalpen 93 209 311388 TE.E THOR 22 (V.D.F.E) (E Malanaco P Jones 3-10-0 D Leaty (7) 83 210 035214 SUNDAY PUNCH 224 (E) (Pail-and Partners) J (Minot B-10-10 E Manyloy 77 20 Long Immedians Thi F Thor 9-12, Startey Paich 9-5. 207 Starpeno, McM, 20-12 Startey Parch 9-5. 208 1118-17-2 Logariol, 5-1 Stary Bock, Valenati, 6-1 McCyme, 7-1 McMalana McCyme, 10-1 (Tread) Three, 12-1 Stary (7) 10 (10-10) (10-1991: LA CENARA 7-10-8 / Roet (7-1) @ Beiding 12 mm FORM FOCUS JOPANING best Miteral Splicis 71 in 9-resour Cited-terbarn (2m. 110yd, Inney) hundiday hundis. CHEERIU, 19455 32 dd d 8 to Nidorius in CHEERIU, 19455 34 2 dd d 8 to Flokey Dove in Authors (2m. pood) hundiday hundis on permittentia signi with (XFTT) (4th batter off) 101 6th, ICFTT 31 2 dd d 9 to interessive wice; William in Chemistriam (2m. 110yd, good to well) hundiday hundiday 2a a Frontieria (2m. 2t, hund, hundiday 2a a Frontieria (2m. 2t, hund, selections: JOPANINS

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12.45 Anna Valley. 1.15 Strong Beeu.

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The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.45 BAYDON STAR.

Long handleage Anna Variey 9-12, Doily Oats 9-3, SETTING: 8-11, Non Your Tathin, 3-1 Combo. 13-2 Anna Variey, 10-1 Royal Piper, 12-1 Cossele Porce, 14-1 Animals, 16-1 Delay Cats.

1981: NO CORPESPONDING MEETING

1.15 STANLEY LEISURE CHILDREN IN NEED MOVICES BEC1
CHASE (E9,180: 2m 4f Mildray course) (6 numers)

BETTREE: 9-4 Danson City, 5-2 Sering Beau, 3-1 Stermon Glad, 4-1 Wast Pound, 13-2 Scala, Veynus.

FORM FOCUS

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BETTINGS, 8-13 Boydon Star, 3-1 Jungle Knita, 9-2 Jimy Jack, 7-1 Welshman, 8-1 Boilin Pantes, 50-1 Tolpin Topi.

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3 0/P43-12 STROMS BEAU 6 (6.5) (Mrs I Mould) D Nicholson 7-31-4
4 2130-02 VAYRIA 11 (20.6.5) (J Helbers) J Helbers 7-31-0
5 214-31/1 WICK POUND 23 (0.6.5) (K Bribers) J Old 6-11-0
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1.45 LADBROKE HOVEMBER HANDICAP RURDLE

(£17,200: 2m 110yd) (6 runners)

.45 Baydon Star.

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12.45 Now Your Talkin. 1.15 Dawson City.

1.45 Baydon Star.

2.55 Elite Reg. 5.25 Welch Bard.

3.56 Thumbs Up.

(£5,150: 2m 4f) (8 runners):

RICHARD EVANS: 1.45 Baydon Star.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT NATIONAL COURSE)

12.45 LIVERPOOL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

saming good to see:

1.50 (2m 4) hale) 1, GLEM LOCHAN (1) Osborns, 4-7 fee, Richard Events's rep & Private Hendicapper's top ratings, 2, Hurricane Bales U Ration, 11-5; 3, Greenwich Bermit (6 McCourt, 9-7; ALSO RAN 7 Over The Pole (5th, 20 Cautous, Brebel (4th, 50 Fort Dans of, Bibo Baggins (6th) 7 (2n 41, 151, 81, 301, Mars H. Richt af Warrage, Tote £1.50, £1.20, £2.10 DF £2.40 CSF £4.00 FORM FOCUS BRADBURY STAR best Wheel Fette 14 in 6-runme Chellenham (2m 11, good to 20th) limited transcap chase Best either last cases to 14 2nd of 18 to
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Sanders (3m 110pt, good) hardcap c 2.35 RIP HANDICAP CHASE (£9,870; 3m 110yd) (5 nurrecs) DETTIME: 11-10 Colonyal Captalo, 7-2 Wolferen Clauscier, F-1 Mr Bucton, 12-1 Makers in Passo, 30-1 Sections Sec. 1981; ROBBANY JONE 7-11-7 R Good 10-5 last & Babalog 6 nor 3.10 KENNEL GATE CASTLE NOVICES HURDLE (Grade II: £5,440: 2m 110yd) (8 runners) 11 SATIM LOVER 31 (CO.5) (D High N Treiber 4-11-4.

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Frivate Handicapper's rating. 2.25 CROWTHER HOMES BECHER CHASE (Handicae: £20.019; 3m 3f National course) (10 runners)

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92.10, £1.50. DF: £11,10. CSF \$20.80 2.55 ROBERT BLOTT SELLING HURDLE 1.25 (2m 11 cft) 1. Massiline Cross (P. Niven, 4-5 tav), 2. Getacline (16-1); 3. Impany (20-1), 8 ran, 81, 31 Mrs G Reselbor, 7 tote 1:190, 51.70, 58.80, 13 70, DF: 537.70, CSF: 513.42, Tricast, 5141.50. 1,312: 2M 11U/O) (11 FURNISES)
SS-000 TARRIGHS 9 (SLD.F) (Durant Company A Durant A 237.70. CSF: £13.42. Tricasal. £141.50.
1.55 (3m 3f ct) 1, Bortein Owen (Mr N. Wison, 8-15 tev); 2, Buckle & Up (7-2), 3, Jime 1,235 (33-1), 7 stm. NR: Aleskan Ghodwil. 3f, 8f. J. J. O'Neil. Tote: £1.40. £1.10. £2.10. DF £2.00. CSF: £2.8†
2.25 (2m 5f ct) 1, Hebiton What G. Wyer. 4-1); 2, Regian (16-1); 3, Revitler's Glary (20-1) Bortein 3 fsv. 9 sm. 2, 121. M 11 Easterby. Tote: £5.50. £1.50. £1.40. £4.50. DF £33.60 CSF: £55.10. BETTRIC: 11-4 Ellio Reg. 4-1 for U.M. 5-1 bith State, 13-2 Chairmont Lad, 7-1 Risser, 10-1 Part In A State
12-1 Northern Compacts, 14-1 Oilly Sport Gilt, 16-1-Romen, 20-1 Begant Friend, Legacial Express. 2.55 (2m 51 110)rd holle) 1, Firm Price (P Meen, 100-30 g-lest); 2, Dani Sound (100-30 p-lest); 3, Michand Lad (10-1) Mr Remer 100-30 p-lest, 7 ran, 141, 201 Mas G Reveloy Toke: 64 00; 52-00. 51-70. DF. 511-70. CSF \$13.78. 3.25 WAVERTREE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£6,455: 2m Mildmay course) (5 rumers) 1 11135-U WELSH BARD 4 (0.5,6.5) (No. 6 Accessed C Brade 8-12-U R Fr
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2 1211-33 1010496 STAR 11 (0.5,6) (A Pairer) P Hotte 7-10-2 M II
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5 849-245 SORSE MO 8 (0.557,6) (1 Herde) Mos 5 Basheses 7-10-0 P Me Ser \$13.46.
3.25 (3m 31 110yd holle) 1, My Denine (P. Nisen, 4-5 lav), 2, Llon Of Vierma (33-1); 3, Highland Friend (66-1) 15 ran. 101, 71 Mrs. G. Revelley, Tote: C1,701, C1,10, E8,90, 28,50, DF, \$23,50, CSF, \$23,131. Long kundigest Sonsie Ma 6-9. Placepot: £85,10. Racing next week MONDAY: Catterick Bridge, Wolver-hampton, Folkastone. TUESDAY: Huntingdon, Stratford,

3.55 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVI (Qualifier £3,434; 2m 110yd) (7 numers)
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☐ Jonjo O'Neill has Aintree in mind after Boreen Owen's	Sedgefield. The eight-year- old, ridden by amateur Noel

victory in the Colin Mac- Wilson, will be aimed at next

Andrew Memorial Chase at year's Grand National.

1.35 (3m 110)d ehr 1, NORMAN CON-OUEROR (Mr 5 Swers, 3-11, 2, Cageam Frisk 6th M Armylage, 6-4 tash, 3, Gold Cap (Mr 6 Lewis, 6-1), ALSO PACE 92 Farm 1866, (46%, 150 The Fruit (5th), 5 Fan 13%, 101 dist, 101 T Thomson Jones at Upper Lambourn Tole, 52,80 E1 40 E1 30 DF: \$1.90 GSF £4 94 21.30 DF: 21.90 GSF: 54.94

(D. Murphy, 6-1), 2. Nome So Wiss (G. Uprion, 10-1), 3. Grange Braite (C. Urenellyn, 9-4 sep) ALSO RAN 11-4 Glove Proper (4th), 6. Bellyros Lady (I), 7. Fart Note (I), 2.5 Catchapetray (au), 7. rpt. ARI Cassing Time. Sh hd. 81, 151. J. Gittord at Fradon, Total c7. 10; 52.80, 63.40. DF. 22.390 CSF: 525.77 Timest, 515.79

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\$,15 (2m hole) 1, GRAND HAWK (P Scudemore, 1-3 favi; 2, Virton Venture (S Smith Eccles, 11-15; 3, Glen Minage (S Covier, 40-11, At-SD Rah: 20 Minage (An), 40 Alveys Allied (pu) 5 ran NR. Captain My Captain, 6, 8l. M Pipe at Wellington Toter \$1.40; \$1.10, \$7.70. DF \$1.30, CSF: \$1.68.

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Mary Reveley and Peter Niven continued in fine form at Sedgefield yesterday when Maudlins Cross, Firm Price and My Desire gave the Saltburn team a 13-1 treble. 2.20 STONY STRATFORD HANDICAP HURDLE MANDARIN 12.50 Court Room. 1.20 Cythere. 1.50 Jackson Flint. 2.20 Vado Vin. 2.50 Sprucer. 3.20 Jakendi. THUNDERER 12.50 Djebel Princa, 1.20 Overhersoverthere, 1.50 Jackson Flint, 2.20 Vado Via, 2.50 What A To Do, 3.20 Metal Oiseau. RICHARD EVANS: 2.20 Fiveleigh Builds. 3.20 JAKARRDI (nap). 9-4 Vado Vis. 4-1 Hochestown Lass. 11-2 Run To Form, 7-1 Fiveleigh Builds. 8-1 What A Hoble: 12-1 Deva's Valley, Maramac, 16-1 others. GOING: GOOD TO SOFT 2.50 DEANSHANGER HANDICAP CHASE (£2.988: 2m 6f) (9) 12.50 DAYENTRY SELLING HURDLE 2.500. 2016(1) (47) 1 4-3 VERY VERY ORDINARY 8 (BF.O.S) J Useon 6-11-11 R Supple 2 51-2 SPRINES R 9 (C.BF.S.S.) Mr. 1 Metick 7-11-9. L Harvey 3 3232 CHANCERY BUCK 35 (F.G.) 6 Betring 9-11-7. S Hotges 4 Fly4 WHAT A TO DO 18 (S) T Forster 8-10-9. J Religion 4 Fly4 WHAT A TO DO 18 (S) T Forster 8-10-9. A Charton 4 Fly4 WHAT A TO DO 18 (S) T Forster 8-10-9. A Charton 7 Fly5 DOSENDERA 217 (S) J Moure 12-10-7. A Charton 7 Fly5 BROWN 200 2 Prictard 7-10-3. Brown 7 Wall 7 Fly5 BROWN 200 2 Prictard 7-10-3. M Charles 10-10-2 July Davies (7) 9 D-94 ROCKY WULGAN 11 (B) MES L Bower 9-10-0. W McFertand (\$1,563: 2m) (9 nunners) (\$1,00.3: 231) (9 ILBINERS) 1 38-6 DJEBEL PRINCE 19 (0,6) C Egation 5-12-0 JOSborne 2 0-58 ANTE UP 19 (0) J Alexand 4-11-9 L Harvey 3 00 MOVING FORCE 15 E Wheeler 5-11-9 J White 4 000P TREMEAUAND 25 F Pottors 4-11-9 Showmark 5 0800 ARDEARMED 11 Mrs J Young 5-11-4 G Upton 6 SF JACREY HALL 8 D Sondato 4-11-4 MR Retards 7 5 COUNT PROBA 40 A Varior 3-16-7 B Moore 8 000 HOVAL CHOLDS 7 P Host 3-16-7 R Sample 9 000 HOVAL CHOLDS 7 P Host 3-16-7 R Davis (7) 11-4 Opetic Prace, 7-2 Money Faces, 5-1 Court Resm. 7-1 Red Suc, 8-1 Many 160, 12-1 Ave-10, 14-1 67-85. 9-4 Vary Very Ordinary, 3-1 Sprucer, 4-1 Chambery Buck, 6-1 Solat Cloud, 10-1 What A To Co., 12-1 Nameo Syle, 14-1 billers. 3.20 WOLVERTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,265: 2m) (9) 1.20 WEEDON HOVICES CHASE (£2,427: 3m 1f) (12) 1 - Sun CYTHERE 11 (S) J Gibbs 6-11-0 P NOS (7) 2 - BIT DYPRESERVE/OFFINE TO 8 (S) J Jupon 9-11-0 R Supple 3 3123 TOURPE 16 (S) I THE COLOR Profess 6-11-2 S COMEY 4 SEES BADBURY LAD 19 J King 6-11-2 R Memo 5 GR-2 BADBURY LAD 19 J King 6-11-2 R Memo 5 GR-2 BADBURY LAD 19 J King 6-11-2 R Memo 6 P-P. HEAUST 11 5 Day 6-11-2 R Memophrys 8 SF-3 MARRADONG BROOK 29 (F.G) T Feeder 7-11-2 C Levelly 9 GR-P MASTER TIM 16 T POTER 8-11-2 R Memophrys 10 PR-9 URAD 25 T FEEDER 5-11-2 R Dayle (7) 11 ZBP- MODDLAWIS GENERE 197 P Petition 7-11-2 R Dayle (7) 12 FIR-YOUNG BRIER 224 (S) Mis 7 Machines Datum 6-11-2 S Union 1-2 Overhepowerbor 5-1 Lython, 9-2 Enclayed III Los 6-1 Tourpet, 8-1 Maria-3-1 Latarrof, 7-2 Caribbean Prince, 4-1 Mesel Dessau, 6-1 Tit Tack Plyer, 7-1 La Raptose, 12-1 Princequendo, Macedonas, 33-1 Buzzando Cresi. COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRADERS; J Moore, 3 wires from 7 rurners, 42.9%; Mrs. J Perran, 11 learn 41, 26.8%; Mrs. I McCle, 13 from 62, 21 OK, M Charles, 3 from 18, 16.7%, D Gamdetto, 7 from 47, 14.9%, G Baideng, 10 from 73, 13.7% -2 Overlessoverhere 5-1 Epitiere, 9-2 Enchapted Man, 6-1 Touget, 6-1 Status-ing Book, 18-1 Battony Lat. 12-1 overs. JOCKEYS: A Charton, 3 wasters from 8 rides, 37.5%, J White, 11 barn 40, 27.5%, C Unwedyn, 15 mars 90, 16.7%, J Osborne, 7 from 43, 16.3%; B de Haart, 4 barn 25, 16.0%, T Walt, 3 from 19, 15.8%. 1.50 MILTON KEYNES MOVICES HURDLE (E1,305: 271 51) (17)

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explained: "He deserves the chance to go for a good prize and I will enter him in the A F Budge Gold Cup." Sacre D'Or, facing only two rivals, hardly touched a twig under Colin Hawkins and came

Doubt over 'ringer' identity

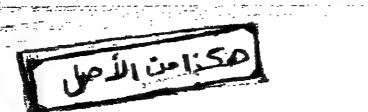
Eight years ago Ken Richardson was convicted of con- the winner's enclosure. spiring to substitute the threeyear-old Good Hand for the two-year-old Flockton Grey. who landed a gamble in the Kriighton Auction Stakes at Leicester in 1982. George Patching, the breed- of appeal.

FRESH doubt has been cast er of Good Hand, has said on the identity of the "ringer" that, during the police investiused in the Flockton Grey gation, he was shown photographs of a horse winning a race at Leicester and entering "I told them straightaway it

was not Good Hand," Patching said. The home office is considering a petition calling for the case to be referred to the court

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Saturday portrait: David Campese, by Gerald Davies

Behold the grace and genius of rugby's last great illusionist

There exist those rare actors on stage whose indefinable quality compels attention and whose timest gesture diverts the eye. David Campese, the Australian wing, accomplishes as

much on the rugby field.

Before the World Cup semi-final
at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, last year, he even upstaged New Zealand's ritual haka. The intimidating black phalanx was met with a threatening stare from all the Australians except one. Campese would have none of it. He retired to a corner of the pitch and juggled rugby balls until the embarrassing pre-match rigmarole was over.

This was characteristic Campese. Like his playing style, his actions deviated from conventional response. Here was the loner: in the team but not quite

During play, despite his animated talk and all that rages around him, he retains a still, small centre of calm. "I prefer to relax before I play. I want to do what I want to do on the field," he said. "To focus my attention before I go out, I read a poem my mother sent to me once. I want to be different." Wales, who meet Australia at Cardiff Arms Park today, know all about the difference Campese can make. When the sides met in the World Cup last year, Australia ran out 38-3 winners and Campese scored one of the six tries.

Different he is. In that semi-final in Dublin, New Zealand were destroyed by contrasting aspects of Campese's glorious talent. Two tenets of his greatness came into play. One is anticipation, learnt from Mark Elia, his former colleague, and the key to his success; the other is that the player in space is the one who gives the man with

the ball the options.

Early in the game, he came away from his position on the right and took a long, diagonal line across a congested defence to score in the opposite corner. Later, he judged the bounce of the ball, beat a man, leaned one way and another, and, when caught, passed the ball over his left shoulder to

There was such wonder that the ground was momentarily, disbe-

lievingly, silenced. Had we really seen what had just unfolded? Such sleights of hand and foot made Campese the player and the personality of the 1991 World Cup.

So, let us have no equivocation. Let us not be economical and use a weazle word such as "arguable". Campese, performance on performance, is the most exciting rugby player in the world. At 30, and living a pedlar's life bestowing his rugby gifts all year round in the northern and southern hemispheres, he is also rugby union's most famous player.

It is unremarkable that, in a game that relies more than any other on the interdependence of players, one man should rise above the others. Some imposing figure will always emerge from the toil and the steam to make his mark.

It is only the ordinary player who is always able to play at his best.

The player of genius may falter but is able to soar higher than the rest

What is remarkable is that this status should be accorded to rugby's most solitary player, the wing; man on the fringes of the mêlée. He is the most exposed player of

all. Make a mistake and there is no redemption. Little more than a privileged spectator, his chances are rare. Campese has turned the old, traditional view of this position on its head. He has made the position, hitherto a mere footnote in the coaching manual, a focal point. Tactics are forged around

No other wing in the history of rugby has been afforded this luxury, so commonly distrusted are they in the open field. In this respect, Campese has had

the advantage of working under Bob Dwyer, the Australia coach, who hails from the same club as himself - Randwick in Sydney. Speed is essential for Campese's position. John Kirwan, of New

but depends on power. Rory Underwood, of England, has a sprinter's pace and grace. Patrice Lagisquet, of France, is less graceful but is equally fast and has more

At the risk of tainting a monumental career, let us say that Campese, at 5ft 10in and 13st 7lb. is not endowed with genuine runlike-the-wind speed. But then it is unnecessary. Instead, he succeeds because of the infinite variety of his other talents. His wits are his constant commanion and, of these,

he is blessed more than the others. Because of the intricate nature of his style, the veering in and out, the changing tempo and direction, Campese, like the great illusionist he is, gives only the impression of speed. Angles, not straight lines, are his preferred route; connivance the method, surprise the device.

He is foot-loose and fancy-free, which is why he has not wanted to play rugby league. In league, he said, you are not allowed the luxury of risks or to do your own thing. The cynics suggest he can afford to turn down the lucre elsewhere for the lira in Milan, where he also plays.

"Playing rugby all the year round, the Italians have looked after me," he said. "I have a sports shop in Sydney but, when in Italy, I spend my time with a travel agency and local golf club. I have no other qualifications other than being a rugby player. I see nothing wrong with the way I devote my

There is a strong bond with Italy. His father, a window maker, moved to Australia from Padua after the second world war and settled in Queanbeyan in New South Wales. Campese was not interested in school and left at 16. At 17, he took naturally to rugby union. The ireshness of the unfettered boy continues to infuse his

Apart from golf, he has not wanted to play other sports. Travel has been his education since 1982, when, at 19, he first played against New Zealand.

Campese delights the statistician and the artist. For those enam-



lated since he scored his first on his debut and his last three weeks ago against Ireland, With 71 international appearances, he is Austra-

lia's most capped player. He would have caught the artist's eye had he never scored a try because contemplating his tries is only a part of the rich texture of Campese's rugby. He is a superb-kicker of the ball but his style is that of a swashbuckler. He takes risks. He makes mistakes

it is only the ordinary player who is always able to play at his best. The obsession. player of genius may falter but is still able to soar higher than the

Campese leads a quiet life. He loves rugby's camaraderie but in a fraternity of renowned beer-swillers and vast appetites, he rarely drinks alcohol, rarely ests red meat. Playing rugby and prepering for it, he says, is his life. Girifriends and fiances have come and gone because they have

Campese admits that a sporting life is a short one and what must be done must be done now. There is, as every aportsman knows, a selfish regard for fulfilment marked by the tyranny of time.

Sportsmen are both tough and sensitive. Tough to the demands made of them by their calling sensitive that realisation is always a desperate step away. Triumph and disaster are nodding acquaintances. Under the nagging pressure he is serious but generous; never a sign of any conduct unbecoming

And he so obviously enjoys himself. More so than with any other player, thought and action are in barmony

Campese of all players, with his devil-may-care, go as you please independence, revives comunic longings of an age just past. And of the player every father, even the hooker, might wish his son to be

YACHTING

Golding returns to race

PROM BARRY PICKTHALL in buenos atres

MIKE Golding and his crew on Group 4 Securitas rejoined the British Steel Challenge round-the world race early yesterday, less than 48 hours after breaking their forestay during the best south from Rio de Janeiro to Cape Horn. The rapid turnaround was largely due to their sponsor.

who not only provided a personal courier for the spare parts to be flown from England but threw in a Lear jet after crew members Nick Joubert and John Carter, who had taken their damaged sail to São Paulo for repair, missed the commercial flight back to Florianopolis, where the yacht put in to port.

The diversion has cost the team more than 250 miles on Nuclear Electric, which has led the ten-strong fleet of identical 67ft yachts for much of the past week. However, Group 4 was speeding south at 11 knots yesterday, 2.5 knots faster than their ninthplaced rivals on Commercial Union and it may not be long before Mike Golding, the Group 4 skipper, and his crew have made up the 130 miles that divides them.

John Chittenden and his team on Nuclear Electric, who have taken an extreme easterly course down the South American coast, continued to enjoy the most favourable breeze yesterday.

The next hurdle for the crews as they close on the Plate Estuary over the weekend is the threat of ice. At least 12 icebergs up to 100 feet high have been spotted north of the Falkland Islands, and the waters are littered with "growlers", chunks of ice that have broken off a giant iceberg, once the size of the Isle of Wight, which has grounded on the Argentine

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LEADING POSITIONS (et 15,00 GMT pastertisy, with miles to Hobert): 1, Nuclear Electric. (J. Chitenden), 6,881 miles: 2, Ritorio-Poulenc. (P. Philips), 6,825, 3, Hobrau Lager (P. Gosci, 6,820, 4, Inferspray (P. Jeffes), 8,951; 5, Coopera & Lybrand (V. Cherry, 6,961; 6, Heath Insured (A. Domovari), 0,990; 7, British Steel II (P. Tudor), 6,865; 8, Pride et 19etande (I. Menriwsathor), 7,005; 10, Group 4. Securitis (M. Golding), 7,138.

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MOTOR RALLYING: BRITISH RACE HEADING FOR THRILLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINALE

Auriol seeks to rally his world title cause

By Stephen Slater

can run and swirl a bit

THE Lombard RAC Rally, which starts from Chester tomorrow, marks the nineteenth and final year of the finance company's sponsorship of the event, yet at no time in its involvement has the race been as closely contested and as crucial to the world championship as this one.

Ten drivers, in four different types of car, have a chance of winning the race, which will also decide which of three drivers will win the world championship. Juha Kank-kunen, the champion, and Didier Auriol, both driving Lancias, and Carlos Sainz, in a Toyota, will start the fourteenth and final round of the championship separated by just three points. After four days and 34 timed, flat-out special stages, it will be winner-takes-all for three of the finest drivers in the sport.

Auriol. 35, is the most likely winner. Having won a record six world championship railies this season, the Frenchman was on target to take the title a month ago, but in the last two rallies his luck ran out. A sheared wheel forced him out of the San Remo rally in Italy and a power-steering failure hurled his Martini Lancia off the road in Spain. His lead was overtaken by both Kank-kunen, his team-mate, and Sainz. Next year he is joining Sainz in the Toyota team, but he needs one final victory, for

Lancia, to become champion. The 1992 event could almost be regarded as a triumph of Sainz's driving skill over his machinery as he overcame a host of development problems with the new Toyota Celica



Coupe to snatch the champ-ionship lead. The car features a complex suspension system, which proved difficult to fine tune and a handful to drive, as accidents to Sainz's teammates. Markou Alen and Armin Schwarz proved. Sainz, however, survived to

win the 2,700-mile Safari rally in Kenya, then, two weeks ago in Spain, the Toyota team's development work paid off and the car came good. The 30-year-old Spaniard dominated his home event to take victory and the championship lead, but he knows the mixture of jubilation and disappointment the RAC Rally can offer. In 1990, Sainz clinched the title by winning the rally after

Kankkunen crashed on the final day. Last year, it was the Spaniard who was forced to limp through the final stages with an overheating engine as Kankkunen headed to victory and the championship crown, becoming the only driver to win the world title three times. This year the Finn will carry the No. 1 on his Lancia as

champion, but as his accident on black ice in 1990 proved, it can have its pitfalls. "It's always good to start as No. 1 because I get a good clear run with nobody in front of me," Kankkunen, 33. said. "But the disadvantage is that there are nobody's facts to follow, so no early warnings of trouble." In addition to the battle for

the championship, there is a strong chance of a first British winner of the rally since Roger Clark took victory in 1976. Colin McRae, from Lanark. has dominated the British open championship for the second successive year in his Subaru Legacy, after last year taking the event by storm before crashing. Since then McRae, 23, has proved a match for his illustrious Subaru team-mate, Ari Vatanen, and finished a fine second in the Swedish rally. McRae's determination to

finish was proved on the

1.000 Lakes rally in Finland,

when he claimed sixth place.

despite his car somersaulting

off the road twice and rolling

13 times in high-speed acci-

dents. Victory on this rally will gain him a special one-off £100.000 sponsors award. A total of 176 cars will leave



Chester at 6.45am tomorrow for an initial 296-mile loop through the spectator stages in the Midlands, which should attract an audience of one million. On Monday, the cars will again leave Chester, this time heading west for ten special stages in the Welsh torests. On Tuesday, competitors head north through the Lake District and into the Keilder Forest, completing nine special stages before their overnight halt in Carlisle. On the final day competitors will tackle six special stages in southern Scotland before heading back to Chester and

the firmsh.
WHERE TO WATCH TOMORROW: 06.45:
start, Eastgate, Cheese, 107.15: special
stage, Outron Park, 09.00: special stage,
Weston Park, rest Telenot, 09.45: special
stage, Sutton Park, 11.10: special stages,
Domington, 19.10: special stages, Chimber,
15.00: special stage, Chestworth, 17.00:
special stage, Outron Park, 18.20: overnight
halt, Eastgate, Chester.

Juha Kankkuman (Fin)
Car. Lancia Delta integrale. Number: 1.
Age: 33.
The only driver to have won three world championships, Kankkuman has one victory and seven second places in world championship relies during 1992, which has kept him in the title race and won the manufacturers' world championship for Lancia.
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ionship for Landia.
Carlos Sainz (Sp)
Car. Toyota Calles Turbo 4WD.
Number. 2. Ager 29.
For the fourth successive year, Sainz is poised to steel the headlines on the Lombard RAC Railly in his Toyota: For the tast two years the RAC has seen him in a duel for the world title with Karldauten — he won to become champon in 1990 but foot his title least year after engine trouble — and it could be a repeat this year.

MBd Biseshin iffin.

Car. Ford Sierta Cosworth 464. Number: 3. Age: 35. Claimed the world championship title for Lancia in 1988 and 1989 then moved to Ford at the start of 1992. Calm and methodica, Blasio has speatheaded Ford's improving championship form in Siesta Cosworth's final year.

Colin McRae (GB)
Car: Sobaru Legacy 4MD. Number: 4.
Ingo: 24.
The Soci is at the vanguard of a group of young British drivers in world relying. The son of five-times British champlon, Jimmy, since joining the Sanbury-based Subaru learn, Colin has already won the title twice himself. Led last year before crashing out in Kelder Forest.

Define Audio (GB)

Didier Austol (Fr)
Car: Lancis Delta Integrale. Number: 6.
Age: 34. Ager 34.
A speciacular citive lest year dispelled any thoughts that Aurio's speed was restricted to the city, dusty tracks of southern Europe. This year he has a record-breaking six wins. However, a lost wheel end an excitorate is the lest two raties means he must win the RAC to become champion.

Malcolm Wisson (GIB)
Car: Ford Siena: Gosworth 4x4.
Number: 8. Age: 38.
Wisson will leel on home ground in his factory-prepared Ford Sierra Cosworth; having spent most of the past year in the Welsh and Lakeland lorests developing the new Ford Escort Cosworth.

RUGBY UNION

Scots put the district . structure on trial

AMID a continuing debate about what is the best structure for Scottish rugby, the McEwan's inter-district championship begins today with North and Midlands facing the South at Mayfield and Edinburgh and Glasgow meeting at Goldenacre (Alan Lorimer writes).

One of the Scottish Rugby Union's problems this season has been how to satisfy the personal as well as the club espirations of the exiles, particularly at London Scottish, who will have to play four games in a ten-day period of rushed nugby to avoid a chib clash with district commitments Critics of the SRU's policy

may also ask why Scotland chose to send a sevens squad to Dubai this week. The desert tournament has taken out of the district championship several leading players and three London Scots.

South will be affected by the absence of Gregor Townsend, Ian Corcoran, Adam Roxburgh, who broke his wrist, and Carl Hogg. That will give several other players the opportunity to state their case for promotion, among them John Amos, the Gala flanker, and Scott Nichol, the Selkirk centre. Also under scretiny will be Stephen Ferguson, the Pecbles tight-head.

Behind the scrum, Gary Armstrong and Craig Chal-mers will be reunited, but Armstrong will be unable to match himself against Andy Nicol, the present Scotland scrum, who has been forced to withdraw because of a hamstring injury. North have also lost Rob Wainwright, the Scotland No. 8.

Edinburgh will do well to match the bulky Glasgow pack. Graham Drummond has pulled out of the Edinburgh side and is replaced by John Robertson, the Heriot's FP flanker. In the backs, Edinburgh, without Scott Hastings, give district hon-ours to John Kerr, who is playing third division rugby with Haddington. He will be on trial at district level. District rugby, too, will be in the dock.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan wary of danger from Salford bogy men

IF WIGAN could be said to Steve Blakeley, who was kept have a bogy side, Salford come nearest to the description (Christopher Irvine writes). They upset the champions twice in three weeks last season, which included Wig-an's last away league defeat 12 months ago.

On form, tomorrow's meeting at the Willows between the leaders of the Stones Bitter championship and the sixth-placed side should be a formality. Salford, however, have the measure of Wigan on bome territory, where they have won eight of 14 encoun-ters in the past 20 years.

Their capacity to surprise is well founded. In two early-season defeats of Castleford. Salford displayed the resilience and attacking skills embodied as a player by Kevin Tamati, their New Zealand

under wraps for three years at Wigan, will make a first appearance at stand-off half against his old team. Phil Coussons, 19, makes

his debut on the wing after scoring 20 tries in ten reserve matches. Andy Platt returns to the Wigan pack after missing three games with cracked ribs. Bradford Northern's comprehensive 35-18 dismissal of St Helens three weeks ago was their finest for several years.

Neither team can afford a slipup in the return match at Odsal; both sides are adrift of Wigan on points difference. Leeds, seeking a first away league win, will be without

their injured full back, Alan Tait, and second row forward. Gary Mercer, at bottomplaced Leight, who have lason Donobue back at stand-off after seven games.

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HOCKEY

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AFTER losing 4-1 in the cup

last week to Hounslow. Old

Loughtonians have a chance

to turn the tables on the Pizza

Express national league lead-

ers at home tomorrow, when

the club's new regional hockey

to the occasion provided Nicl.

Thompson recovers his touch.

He has scored nine goals and

can tune up in today's home

Hounslow will be without

Stourport could take over

the leadership of the first

division this weekend, but they

have difficult opponents in Teddington today and East

Grinstead tomorrow. More

young blood is flowing in the

Stourport squad with the re-

turn of Owen Jones from the

Welsh Under-21 team and the

inclusion of Craig Parnhum

Jon Royce will be on the

bench for Teddington as

coach. Riley and Moore are

barding against injury but hope to be fit. Teddington also

East Grinstead will take the

field without the injured Ravi

Virdi in midfield, but Luckes,

their goalkeeper, has recov-

ered from an elbow injury.

visit Bromley tomorrow.

from Bridgmonh.

Hazlitt. who damaged a

thumb in last week's match.

centre will be opened. Old Loughtonians can rise

match against Neston.

Wednesday angry as United make new bid for Hirst

By Our Sports Staff

MANCHESTER United's Hirst to honour the extended pursuit of David Hirst, the and improved contract that he England forward, was almost recently signed. "David has certainly ended yesterday after made it clear in the past few Sheffield Wednesday reacted angrily to an official bid of (3.5 million sent by fax by weeks that he is very happy here at Sheffield Wednesday." he said. "Only recently, he has Alex Ferguson, the United signed a new deal but this sort manager, to Trevor Francis, of thing can have an unsethis Wednesday counterpart. tling effect on a footballer. Ferguson had to wait just Fortunately, he is a level-12 minutes when a fax was headed sort of a person. From what I know of him all he received at Old Trafford stressing that, under no circum-stances, would the player be allowed to leave Hillsborough. wants to do is to continue scoring goals for Sheffield Wednesday and to get back his place in the England

said. "We have made it clear The United board of direcon several occasions that David Hirst is not for sale at tors sanctioned the bid yesterday morning shortly before any price yet Manchester Unithe club's annual meeting. ted do not seem to want to Ferguson has been under increasing pressure to sign a goalscorer of proven ability to "We received an offer of £3.5m in writing but I did not help sustain the United challeven refer it to my chairman enge for a first League champ-lonship since 1967. United have not scored in their past because he is not for sale and I have a mandate to say just that. This offer has come through despite the fact that I

The supporters' frustration boiled over at the annual meeting when they demanded cuts in admission charges. One shareholder said: "These Francis said he now expects are hard times and people

have told Alex Ferguson, and our chairman has told their

chairman, that he is not for

"To be honest, we are all very

annoyed about it," Francis

accept that simple fact.

Oldham sign Brennan

OLDHAM Athletic yesterday completed the signing of Mark Brennan, a midfield player, from Manchester City for £200,000, but it was too late to play in today's Premier League fixture at Manchester United (Louise Taylor writes). Brennan, 27 and Lancashire-born, previously played for Ipswich Town and Middiesbrough, but has hitherto failed to fulfil his considerable potential, instead displaying a tendency to become involved in off-the-field scrapes.

Middlesbrough have transfer-listed Bernie Slaven, their Republic of Ireland forward. Slaven, 32, is available for £100,000. Steve Claridge, the

Quinn, signed on loan from Newcastle, leads the attack as

time in eight attempts. Ogrzovic could miss only his second game in goal for eight years. If he falls to recover from a neck injury

Johnsthan Gould, the manager's son, will keep goal. City, who have won their last three league

games, scoring eight goals and conceding one, are unchanged for the fifth successive time. City

had a shaky start to the season but

had a shely start to the season but are now benefiting from Britan's most expensive defence — Curle and Phetan cost £2.5 million appear. They are unbeaten in the league since September.

C Palace v Nottm Forest

Will these teams be meeting in the first division next season? Both

me into cavision head seeson'r boun bedly need points. Salako aggravated a knee injury during traming with the England squad earlier this week and is out of the Palace side Coleman, Mortimer or Ndah, 17 and an England youth international, will replace him up thout le detrace. Surnott is

front, in defence. Sinnott is

front. In detence, Sinnott is suspended, so Humphrey is recalled With only Forest standing between Palace and the foot of the table. Steve Coppell, they manager, yesterday said he was experiencing the "most intense pressure" of his eight years at Selhurst Park. Forest yesterday completed the £800,000 signing of Neil Webb from Manchester United but he is ruled out by a knee injury Keane, being watched by Seville, plays in his preferred midfield role.

Everton to Chelsea
Everton have falled to score
more than one goal in a league
game since September and the
pressure is mounting on Howard
kendali, their manager. He
expects Watson to be fit to play in
delence but replaces Ebbrell
(groin injury) with Hinchliffe in the
midfield. Chelsee have suffered
only one deteat in their last six

Everton v Chelsea

returned to Cambridge United for £200,000. Luton have replaced him with Ian Benjamin, bought from Southend United. Gillingham have taken Paul Stephenson, the Millwall winger, on loan. The Football - Association

vesterday armounced that 2,000 seats in Wembley's Olympic Gallery will be set aside for corporate hospitality packages at this season's FA Cup final. The finalists will be offered first option when the

packages go on sale.
It was also announced that follow their players up the Royal Box steps to receive a

MATCHEY-MATCH GUIDE TO THE SHEMIER LEAGUE

Coca-Cola Cup fourth-round tie

last seven gemes, in which they have conceded 16 goals, and shaken by unscheduled cup-defects to Rangers and Watford, Leeds need to return to winning ways. Howard Williamson, their

manager, has spont the last few days walking the North Yorkthire moors and pondering file problems. Rocastie, who joined Leads from Arsenel for £2 million.

Leeds from Arsenal for 22 million this summer but has yet to start a league match, is once again on the bench. Batty and Rocestia are expected to be fit to return for Leeds. Arsenal, who are looking to extend their unbeaten run to 11 games, remain uneitered.

Manchester United v Oldham United have talled to win in their

United have falled to win in their unated have realed to will in their lest 12 league and cup games and have not scored for the lest four, but they will be heartened by Oldham's dire defensive record.

Oldham's one detensive record, ince and Ferguson are both doubtful after sustaining injuries on midweek intermational duties. Butt and Gälespie, products of the youth learn, are on stand-by for finitiesm debuts. Gerrard, an untited goalkeeper, and Tolson, 19, a forward, are members of a 14-

man Oldham party. The Stretford End will be open for the first time this season.

Middlesbrough v Wimbledom
Vinnie Jones plays his first match
for Wimbledon after being fined
\$20,000 by the FA for his
involvement in a video glorilying
violence, and can expect a hard
time from the Holgata End today.
Ayresome Park's popular end
are well aware that Middlesbrough
have not won in their last ten
games but must cope without
Kemaghan and Wright today.
Staven, who Middlesbrough thed to
sail to Sunderland last week, will
want to prove he can still undo
Premier League defences.
Fashanu's back injury rules him out
for the neat month so Dobbe will
partner Holdsworth in the

Leeds v Arsenal

cannot afford to come to additional matches. Many of the visiting teams are not attractive, and one must ask why pay £15 to watch rubbish at Old Trafford when you can pay Ell to watch the same rubbish at Maine Road. I believe there is a case for reducing prices. The Premier League is a shambles ... just the old first division under a

Sir Roland Smith, chair-man of the Manchester United plc board, said: "There will be no further increases and the pricing situation will be reviewed again at the end of the season. There is already a ceiling and the review may well come below the present level." Sir Roland defended the salary of the chief execu-tive. Martin Edwards, which is shown in the balance sheet as £165,000. It was, he said, lower than the figures paid by Tottenham and Leeds.

The departure from Old Trafford of Neil Webb was confirmed yesterday when the former England midfield player completed his £800,000 return to Nottingham Forest. Webb, 29, signed too late to appear for Forest in a bottom-of-the table match at Crystal Palace today. Webb, who is still troubled

by a slight knee injury, said:
"Forest are far too good a side
to go down and I'm hoping that I can help build some confidence and stick a few results together that will get us away from the bottom." Webb, who left Forest for United for £1.5 million three years ago, added: "People are asking me whether I made the right move at the time, but if I had not snapped my Achilles

tendon after a few games it all might have been different." Ron Fenton, the Forest assistant-manager, said: "In his previous spell with us Neil had an almost telepathic understanding with Nigel Clough. how they pick up the pieces

Norwich v Sheffield United

The Premier League leaders retain the side which won at Oluham two weeks ago, but there is a place for Megson, after two months out injured, on the bench. Kemara, signed on loan from Luton, could make a first appearance for United. Purmours persist that Dave Bassett, the Sheffield United manager, is close to resioning.

Sheffield Wed v Ipswich

Whitton, the ipsech midfield player, is determined to be passed fit to face his former club Whitton has shed a stone since having three wisdom teeth extracted less.

week but trusts that an emergency

diet of honey, suger and bananas will enable him to pass a lies fliness test. Palmer, of

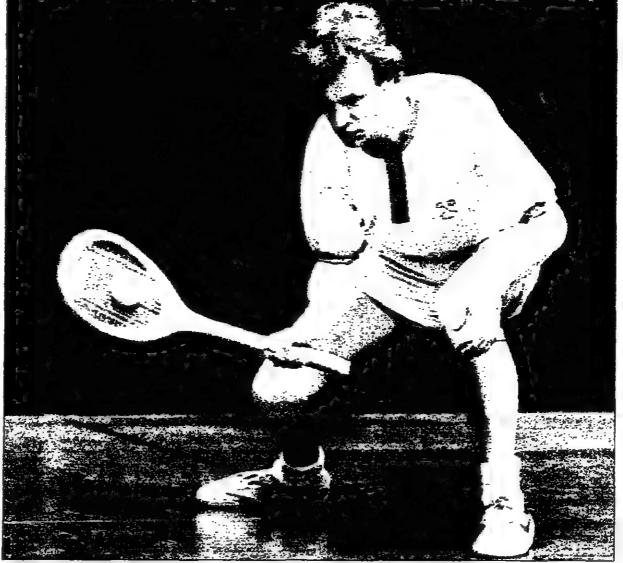
Wednesday, injured a harnering on England duty in midweek and is very doubtful. Wednesday hope to stretch their unbeaten run to sec

games.

Tottenham v Aston VIIIa.
The duelting between Ruddock and Mabbult, the Tottenham commoderenders, and Saunders and Atkinson, the viiia stinkers, should prove intriguing. Viiia seek to extend their unbesten run to 13 games. Providing Smail passes a fitness lest on his knee he will continue at tull back, allowing Staurien to continue in midfield. Tottenham field the side which wan at Blackburn two weeks ago.

Tourisms.

Aian Shearer returns to The Dell in a Blackburn Aian Shearer returns to The Dell in a Blackburn shirt for the first time since his £3.6 million move to Rovers Southampton supporters have not forgiven lan Bramfoot, their manager, for selling Shearer and he can expect abuse from the terraces. Groves returns to the Southampton attack and Deson to the bench, where there could also be a seet for Gray.



Eyes on the title: Snow practises for the British Open at Queen's Club yesterday

CRICKET

Amre rescues Indians with hundred

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN BLOEMFONTEIN

Snow blows hot for the British Open

BY SALLY JONES

JULIAN Snow, of Great Britain, the world's leading amateur and the new French Open champion, is the favourite to win the George Wimpey British Open, which starts at Queen's club, London, today, despite being the No. 2 seed behind the holder, Lachlan Deuchar, of Australia, the world No. 1.

CARELESS strokes cost the

Indians wickets yesterday

match with a South African

Invitation XI here and

reached 242 for eight wickets

by the close. Praveen Amre

followed his century in the first

Test match with another face-

saving hundred but otherwise

the touring team's form must

Sydney: Mark Waugh scored a majestic, unbeaten 121 for

New South Wales against the

West Indians here yesterday

and probably saved his place

in the Australian side for the

Test series starting in Brisbane

next week. Waugh faced exclu-

sion after four successive Test

match ducks during Austra-lia's recent tour of Sri Lanka.

Waugh struck nine bound-aries during four-and-a-half

hours in the middle on the first

day of a four-day match. He

shared a record third-wicket

stand of 132 with Mark

Taylor, the New South Wales

Several batsmen, including

captain, who scored 101.

be causing them concern.

The tournament should provide some fascinating clashes, as the world champ on, Wayne Davies, is also playing. Davies missed more than a year because of injury but returned to top-class competition at the French Open last month. He is drawn to meet Snow in a semi-final, while the talented young Australian, Robert Pahey, the No. 4 seed, poses

over, surprised by Snell's pace.

When Jadeja and Raman

were caught at second slip and

by the wicketkeeper, both play-

ing loosely outside the off

sump, the Indians were 21

The ground was flooded on

Wednesday, but Shastri chose

to bat first. As a little moisture

was brought to the surface by

hot sunshine, Snell, Manhews

Mark Waugh secures Test place

Waugh's brother, Steve, were

strong contenders to take over

349 for four by the close

against a West Indian attack

approaching full strength. with Ambrose backed by Pat-

terson and Walsh. Ambrose

was close to full pace in the early part of the day but did

not take the field for the final

session after slightly straining

his right ankle when fielding.

Taylor survived a torrid first

spell from Ambrose. He was

struck painfully once and gave

a chance on 14. He was run

out just after tea, when slow to

New South Wales reached

Waugh's Test place.

Shastri is out of touch and and van Zyl all moved the ball

Deuchar in the other half. Davies, 36, is eager for match practice in the run-up to his world title defence in March, and Deuchar and

Snow each have a point to prove. Deuchar, who has been named as the professional at the Harbour Club in Fulham, will try to prove that he has regained his confidence and hunger for success.

Amre and Manirekar then

added a careful 113 in 41

overs. Manjrekar moved for-

ward against MacHelm, a

left-arm spinner, swung across

the line and was stumped. In

the same over. MacHelm had

MacHelm. 20. a Cape Col-

oured, playing only his second

hirst-class match, created a

good impression during a

lengthy spell. He did not turn

Steve Waugh made a breezy

22 from as many deliveries before he tried to flick a short

ball from Walsh to fine leg but

was caught, via his thigh pad.

at short backward square.
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Prabhakar held at slip.

en since January and playing the best tennis of his career is desperate to defeat the only two players still beating him consistently.

task in his projected quarterfinal against the fast-improving Mark Devine, the Learnington professional, who surprisingly knocked out Deuchar in the French Open.

plentiful variations of flight.

The Indians were forced to

leave out Tendulkar, who has

a badly strained ankle, but

Amre again showed the det-

ermination and class that

marked his barning in the Test

Yaday rode his luck in a

stand of 83 in 25 overs until

he hit a long hop to mid-on.

Amre drove loosely against

Kuiper and was caught be-

hind after four-and-a-quarter

hours. He hit 15 fours, mostly

Through the covers.

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D MacHelm.

□ Colombo: New Zealand

will play only two Test match-

es in the revised itinerary for their tour of Sri Lanka. There

will still be three one-day

internationals. (Agencies)

match at Durban.

through the covers.

Total (8 wide)

the mood

BY ALIX RAMSAY AFTER a long settling-in period, Ipswich and Toby Mullins, their new coach, are looking to the match against Chelmsford today to reinforce their position at the top of the

The fixture list has done them some favours this week end, with their main rivals playing each other Hightown face Sutton Coldfield and Leicester take on Slough. But if the rest of the league thinks lpswich have peaked. Mullins has other ideas: "It may not be for a

top gear." One of the keys to their form is the recent return of Tracey Fry. Her long spell away from the game to have a baby left lpswich with few options in

Coming to the dub at the start of the season, Mullins was able to look at their problems with a fresh eye and make the necessary changes. including a new role for Kirsten Spencer. Used to playing at left defence, she has been switched to the right and is gradually getting used to her new job, coming forward and

Ipswich in

women's national league. game or two yet before we hit

midfield.

to advance

FOR THE RECORD

respond to Waugh's call.

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BOXING TOKYO: World Boxing Association junior-lightweight championship (12 mids): Genaro Hermandez (US, holder) bl. Yuji Watanebe (Japan), rsc 6th md.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIPLD: First day tol four; Adelaide: South Australia 194-5 (G Bishop 50) v Tasmanis Melbourne: Queensland 208-9 (A Border 64 not out; M Hayden 51) v

victoria.

CASTLE CUP: First day (of four). Capita
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ATHLETICS

Stewart gets task to lead harriers to better ways

By David Powell, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

running and cross country in Britain, has been hired by the British Athletic Federation to try to improve the harrier's lot. Stewart, the last British man to win the world cross-country title, 17 years ago, has been put in charge of promoting two divisions of the sport which go barely noticed next to the giant of track and field.

"There are two reasons for his appointment." Tony Ward, the BAF spokesman, said yesterday. "The federation is track and field orientated and all major televised road running and cross country events are staged by independent promoters - the Durham cross country, the Great North Run, the London Marathon, the Princes Street Mile. It is time the federation moved into the area of road racing and cross-country promotion."

Officially, Stewart has been appointed as the BAF's assistant promotions officer to Andy Norman but, effectively, he will be in charge of doing in trying to dig them out.

IAN Stewart, a vehement for road and country what critic of attitudes towards road Norman has done for track and field - giving it status. The job is new and among Stewart's first tasks will be to develop events attractive to sponsors and television. Britain's standing in cross country has declined and something needs to be done to encourage the best British athletes to give it greater attention.

Stewart, who now joins his early 1970s contemporaries. Dave Bedford, Brendan Foster and Alan Pascoe, in carrying influence at a high organisational level, once secured the remarkable double of world cross country and European indoor 3,000 metres titles on successive weekends.

Two years ago, with British cross-country fortunes at their nadir, he said: "We don't seem to be doing anything about it. There is no system or structure. We are burying our heads in the sand." Stewart, who begins work on December 1, will not spare the shovel

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Southgate will visit Canter bury without Duthie, whose finger injury has not healed. Indian Gymkhana visis Harleston Magpies tomorrow. Gymkhana's chances of returning to the first division have improved now that Jude Felix and Dhanraj Pillay, their two Olympic players from India, have recovered their form. Felix scored three goals when they beat Chelmsford 5-1 in the cup last week.

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A PARTNERSHIP formed in early teenage years has been blossoming anew over the past six weeks at Waterlooville. Since Billy Gilbert and Vince Hilaire took over, the Hampshire club has won five out of eight matches and moved towards a secure position in the Beazer Homes League

premier division. It was Hilaire who rang his former Crystal Palace and Portsmouth team-mate to ask whether he would join him in applying. Peter Faulkner, 72, the club chairman for 40 years, needed little persuasion. We were out of the FA Cup and the FA Trophy and I felt we had to make a change, so I fired Ernie Bradley, who had been with us for a number of game after having been with years, and placed an ad in a Alan Ball at Exeter last season.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE Vince phoned and showed an interest. I'm extremely pleased because their attitude is first class. They brought a new spirit to the place."

Palace pair renew partnership

The new management team has made no changes to the side. Gilbert said: "The boys were stagnating a little with the same manager there for so long. I think we've brought in

a lot of new ideas." Gilbert had his first experience of coaching with Havant Town. He left when he signed a contract with a club in Israel, but the move fell through and he ended the season helping Sieve Kember, another Palace team-mate, at Whyteleafe. Hilaire had drifted out of the Leading the way for Water-

"Before the ad came out, looville has been Dave Boyce, a striker who has rediscovered his goal touch, scoring twice in a 3-1 win at Worcester City on Saturday and twice more in a 3-2 defeat by Crawley Town in the Bardays Commercial Ser-

vices Cup on Tuesday. Boyce had been on the fringe of the Crystal Palace team, but Gilbert failed to recognise him. "I still can't put a face to him," he said.

Gilbert has been playing regularly -- "I iun around a bit in midfield and get a few tackles in - and Hilaire made his first full appearance against Crawley, in what was only Waterlooville's second defeat since Hilaire and Gilbert

took over. "We want to bring stability to the club and get a top ten finish," Gilbert said.

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Branfoot looks to ease pressure

Shearer cuts fine figure on return to Southampton

ALAN Shearer's return to The Dell tomorrow will provide Southampton's disaffected supporters with a view of the success money can buy in the Premier League. Shearer, whose goals have propelled Blackburn Rovers into contention for the championship returns to the club which sold him for the princely sum of £3.6 million in the summer. While Shearer has gone

from strength to strength, his goal for England against Turkey in midweek coming on top Blackburn this season, Southampton have had to balance financial viability with the struggle to avoid becoming one of the Premier League's drop-outs.

With Blackburn third in the table and Southampton fourth from bottom, Shearer's sale is regarded as a regrettable piece of business by supporters at The Dell, where recent demonstrations have resulted in Ian Branfoot, the Southampton manager, requiring police escorts from the pitch.

Branfoot does not share their sentiments. "This club was in debt when I took over." he said yesterday. "Now it is solvent and there is no danger of Southampton going out of business. I have had to sell people of the calibre of Rod Wallace, Alan Shearer, Barry Horne and Neil Ruddock It has left a great hole in my side - and I cannot say that the mond on the terraces does not disturb me because it does --but selling those players has brought financial stability."

As Branfoot appreciates.

THE eight countries that

reached the quarter-finals of

rugby union's 1991 World

Cup will be seeded direct to the

1995 tournament in South

Africa (David Hands writes).

But the decision, announced yesterday in Bristol after the

interim meeting of the Inter-

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borrowing money is expensive. "No business wants to be borrowing money, because the interest on loan repayments is so costly," he said. "If a club is El million in debt, it will be paying over £100,000 in interest on the loan. That is madness. I have no doubt whatsoever that we are doing the right thing here and I am confident we will stay up. But I would like to win tomorrow."

That will involve shackling Shearer. "It will not be easy because Alan is so strong, both Branfoot said. "He is 22years-old going on 35. No one fails to respect Shearer, although he is not arrogant. A lot of forwards lose the respect of their team-mates when they go through a lean spell, but even when he was struggling to get goals, Alan never lost credibility, or popularity. He works so hard for a team. I became quire close to him last

Quarter-finalists rewarded

council, was made only on the

This means that Australia,

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late after a prolific start at Ewood Park, still lives in Southampton, where his wife, Lainya, has recently given birth to their first child. She, and her family, are Southampton supporters who will have divided loyalties

The hours spent on the motorway between training at Blackburn and being with his baby seemed to have taken a toll on Shearer's sharpness until his goal against Turkey at Wembley on Wednesday. But he has failed to score in Blackburn's last four league marches, which have resulted in three draws and a defeat at home by Tottenham Hotspur.

That has cost Blackburn the top spot and Shearer said: "I am a marked man now. But Southampton are under a lot more pressure than me. I hope I can add to it because that is my job. But after the game I would love them to pick up as I have plenty of affection for the

stick from the supporters but that just puts pressure on the players' shoulders. The supporters may not think lan is the best man for the job but if they lay off him for a bit then he might get it right for them.

"It is not always his fault and I hope they give the team the right backing. I have no doubt they will get out of difficulties because there is a great team spirit at The Dell which got us out of trouble last

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Therefore Wales, who play

Australia, the world cham-pions, in Cardiff today, must

chase one of three European

qualifying places alongside

the likes of Italy. Romania and

Spain. Two qualifying places are available for the Asian

World Cup (RWC) representa-

tives visit South Africa in January they will hope such vital details can be con-

By then, the South African

Rugby Football Union should have appointed a marketing

manager and given evidence

of its development plans, to

help ensure support for the

tournament from all political

Cardiff preview, page 31

Going bust

a serious

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groups in the country.

Capping the achievement: Courier, the world No. 1, in action in his victory in Frankfurt yesterday

Courier plays his aces on time

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE. TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN FRANKFURT

JIM Courier kept alive his hopes of qualifying for the semi-finals of the ATP tennis championship with a 7-5, 6-2 victory over Michael Chang in the opening group match here last night.

After facing the two biggest servers on the tour, Richard

Pacific zone and one each for the Americas and Africa. The IRFB will sustain its Krajicek twice and Goran decision to play the tourna-ment in South Africa, regard-Ivanisevic, in his last three matches, Courier, the world less of the alarms of the last No. 1. relished the chance to resume normal service on the The host union agreement baseline. Against Chang's has yet to be signed, nor have lesser weaponry, he was able commercial advisers been appointed, but when Rugby

to control the points as he does on clay, get his feet into position for passing strokes and rely less on pure touch. For once, Courier had the big service and a tally of ten aces proved, not for the first time this week, the undoing of Chang, who has found that speed of foot and mind is not enough to combat the most powerful players in the world on an indoor carpet. A third successive defeat ended his

outside chance of qualificanion. Chang should really have tucked away the first set, having had seven chances to break: four in the third game. three in the severith. But, as in his previous two matches against Kraficek and Ivanisevic. Chang was confronted by a wall of aces. Courier produced five in the third game to stay in contention and

took the set off his one break point after 58 minutes. On the evidence of their previous six encounters, all of which have ended in straight. sets - three to Courier, three to Chang — the match was effectively over and even the deadpan Chang was starting to vent his frustration at his inability to break. After netting a voiley on another break point in the second game of the second set, he swatted the

net in anger. One game later and he had been broken again, with two unforced errors. From 1-4 down, there was no return even for the indefatigable American, though Courier took five match points to complete the job in just under two hours. Before the calculators were brought out last night, the two definite qualifiers were Pete Sampras and Goran Ivanisevic, who, on their form through the week. are favourites to meet in the

Sampras, the champion, headed his group with three victories, over Becker, Edberg and Petr Korda, and had the benefit of a day off yesterday while others slogged it out for

the final two places. Since failing to qualify for the semi-finals in 1990, the year be won the US Open in such spectacular style. Sampras has lost only once in the Festhalle, to Becker. The surface, described by Becker as "slow" and by Courier as "fast", is, according to the American, of "medium" speed. Either way, it seems to

suit his game well. "It is a court where you can stay back, but I think the serve and volleyer will beat the baseliner," Sampras said. "But I have always played very well in Germany." Though be

the finest of these with a

has come to within touching distance of being world No. this year, Sampras's immediate priority, apart from de-fending his ATP tour title, is to win a second grand siam

toumament. His best chance came in September when he reached the final of the US Open, only to find Edberg in inspired mood. Beating the Swede in the round-robin match earlier this week gave Sampras some compensation. "I definitely wanted to get that monkey off my back because the US Open loss was very disappointing. I still feel it today."

Sampras went straight back to his home in Florida after being badly beaten by Henri Leconte in the Paris Open. That was a smart decision. I just played some golf and got my batteries recharged. If I'd have stayed around the tournament I would have begun to feel sorry for myself."

RESULTS: Rod Lever group: J Courie (US) bt M Chang (US), 7-5, 6-2

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Tribunal trims Lamb's fine

BY ALAN LEE

ALLAN Lamb secured a sig nificant victory yesierday when, on becoming the first player for six years to take a disciplinary appeal to the Cricket Council, he succeeded in almost halving his punishment for making public accuagainst the touring Pakistanic

A five-man tribunal at Lord's chained by Judge Perrett QC clearly saw the merit in Lamb's argument that his Test and Count Cricket Board (TCCB) line of £5,000, additional to a fine of £2,000 imposed by North with the suspended fine of only £1,000 imposed last month on Surrey for three admitted offences of ball-fampering. The iribunal reduced the fine to £4,000 and suspended half that amount for two years. By cutting the award of costs, against the player, from £1,000 to £500. the council effectively reduced Lamb's out-of-pocket expenses from £8,000 to £4,500. The TCCB maintained the

the cases involving Lamb and Surrey could not be compared that Lamb had a reasonal sense of grievance over being nunished so much morehea y for alleging an offence than the county had been for committing it. It agreed that ccount his previously

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Krabbe's sentence is upheld

KATRIN Krabbe, the world sprint champion, yesterday lost the first round of her fight against a four-year suspension for illicit drug taking John Goodbody writes.

After a meeting of the German athletics federation (DLV), Ruediger Nickel, its anti-doping official, said: There is no reason to change our decision." He said that Krabbe and two other German athletes could make another appeal to the DLV's arbitration panel

Krabbe, Grit Breuer and Manuela Derr admit taking cleabuterol in July. They say they were suffering from asthma, for which denbuterol is a licenced medication in The DLV said that it wanted

a more "flexible" stance on drug-taking. Instead of the automatic four-year ban of the International Amateur Athletic Federation for denbuterol, it wanted the chance to assess the responsibility of the competitor.

It is debatable whether clenbuterol was officially banned before July 31, when the International Olympic Committee medical commission confirmed its prohibition.

\$100 each to play? The manager of the Red Rose and Yellow Rose, Hank Fromme. said: "We ask the girls to use discretion, but because of

It is occasionally pointed out to me that I have an irrational prejudice against golf. Well, prejudice I admit, but I think it is wholly rational, myself. Arvella Goodrum of suburban Round Rock, Texas, was driving along Forest Creek Drive when she saw two women as she passed the eighth tee. "I was shocked," she said. "I turned back and went to see if I really saw what

I saw. The girls were topless." It transpires that the managers of Sugar's Uptown Cabaret and a similar establishment called The Red Rose and Yellow Rose hold several tournaments each year at Round Rock golf course. Women from the clubs whose normal duties involve semi-naked "dancing" drive the golf carts and serve food in the tournaments. "We tell them to wear golf attire," Howard Lennett, manager of Sugar's, said. Is it simply for score," he said.

this that 164 golfers paid where they work, it's not unusual for the girls to take their tops off. I talked to the pro. J. L. Lewis. He understood that these kind of things could happen." "It's news to me," Lewis said. I don't know when St

Andrews will take the idea up, but a new golf dub in Malaysia has imported 120 Indonesian women to act as caddies. Officials said: "It will provide a different atmopshere to the traditional ly male-dominated sport."

Net loss

There is nothing like ice hockey. Blackpool Seagulls lost 40-1 after half their team were sent off. They were playing Grimbsy Redwings in the British Non-Import League Eric Cregan, goal-tender and player-manager, was among the sent-off players "To be honest I lost count of the



SIMON **BARNES** Sporting Diary

I think it is high time we had some more sporting lim-ericks. After all, it is six years since I last held a limerick comeptiton, so break out the rhyming dictionaries, get those pencils sharpened and send me the slickest limericks you can invent. I will reward

bottle of the kind of port the angels drink on their teabreaks: Calém Colheita 1978, no less. I have several bottles to give away: if that doesn't provoke a nationwide fit of literary genius, nothing

Stitched up

In Tokyo, a protest march with a difference. "We are not asking for money but for the right to play golf," said Naoto Majima, who represents 2,000 members of Higashi Sagami golf course. The owner, Janome Sewing Machine Co, is planning to sell up to pay debts. Chizuko Hayama, 52. a housewife, said: "It is too much. They are trying to deprive me of my only hobby."



Over-ruler

Carlos Menem, the president of Argentina, took part in a charity football match recently in River Plate Stadium before 5,000 spectators and a television audience: the sort of thing that gets a politician the reputation for being a good sport. Menem's side was winning 3-2 when the opposition whacked the ball into the net. and the referee, Ricardo Cala-

bria, duly signalled goal.

The president went berserk. He had a passionate argument with the referee. insisting that one of the opposition was offside. In the end, overwhelmed, the ref disallowed the goal. This gave enormous delight to all: a flagrant intervention of executive into judicial authority," the newspapers commented. This just happens to be an opposition party slogan.

Drunk in charge

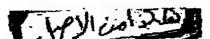
In a recent football match in Poland, Warmia lost 4-1 at home against Jagielloni. this. The referee was drunk good shot."

This is not a matter of suspicion but of fact. The club managed to persuade the police to give the ref an alco-hol test after the match. The referee failed with flying colours.

Mixed blessing

Where the Brits dither, Americans act. Last week, Jodi Evans, who was a member of Canada's Olympic baskethall squad, learned that she could not play for Oxford University men's team because the British Universities Sports Federation objects to the fact that she is a woman. They talked excitingly about how such a move would "open the floodgates".

Last night, Melissa Bur-den, also useful baskerballer, was scheduled to play for the men of Savannah College of Art and Design, in Georgia, against Maryville College. I'm a little nervous, but I'm looking forward to it." she said. The team coach, Wally West, said: "She has a good outside shot and quickness. She'll probably play second They are protesting about guard because she has such a



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FRANCES BISSELL Plum puddings for Stir-up Sunday



WHAT TO WEAR Think leather, think bikes



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Uncle Sam's animal crackers

Loving your pet is one thing, but

in America animal affairs are getting serious.

Ben Macintyre

reports

friend was reflecting re-cently on a Thanksgiving get-together he planned to attend at his childhood home in Minnesota this weekend. 'She'll be really excited, because I haven't seen her for ages," he explained, "and when I get back she'll hear my car coming into the garage and I'll hear her voice calling from the kitchen. It's the first time we've all been together for

For a man who seldom shows much emotion it was, I thought, a moving testament, an exhibition of the sort of family values that would make Dan Quayle proud. Until I realised my friend was talking not

about his grey-haired mother, but about a parrot called Ottoline. For millions of Americans, Thanksgiving is an opportunity for reunion, with relations certainly, but also with the swarms of fish. budgies, dogs, cats, mice, Vietnam-ese pot-bellied pigs and pythons that make up the American family.

The British like to think of

themselves as animal-lovers, but beside the American obsession with pets our attitude towards the domestic animal kingdom appears positively stand-offish. Americans spend nearly \$2 billion annually on pets, and the feeding, clothing, psychoanalysing and burying of domestic animals represents a massive and lucrative industry. There are more pets per family in the US than anywhere else in the world, with more than 60 per cent of American households containing at least one pet. Last year alone Americans bought \$250 millionworth of goldfish, while members of Congress received more letters about animal welfare than about

There are scientific explanations for this. According to recent research, pets bring down blood pressure, reduce heart disease and provide stimulation for the old, the young and the criminally inclined that friends and family cannot. The increasing urbanisation and alienation within our society leads to a loneliness that is often fulfilled by animals," says Dr Elizabeth Atwood Lawrence, a Massachusetts vet and anthropologist who studies

people and their pets.

In New York, where the patronising description "pet" is gradually being replaced by the more egalitarian term "companion animal", you can even buy authentic pet, sorry, companion animal



Marriage of man and beast: four-legged friends have feelings too; in New York the patronising description "pet" is gradually being replaced by the more egalitarian term "companion animal"

videos which provide "all the warmth and comfort of an animal friend" without all the fur balls and

house training.

The domestic pet even plays a part in the political life of America. The intelligence and wit of Millie, the spaniel and best-selling author belonging to George and Barbara Bush, formed a central plank of the Republican election campaign. At times, the dog even appeared to be running for office. "Millie knows more about foreign policy," said the president, "than those two bozos Bill Clinton and Al Gore."

dreds of column inches in the most serious newspapers have been devoted to the Chintons' cat, Socks, his (or indeed, her, according to certain Washington sources) possible significance and effect on the American governing process.

Choosing the right pet is, according to the brochures, a life-enhancing experience. Take the case of Jim Chapman. In 1989, Mr Chapman had a heart attack that left him clinically dead for four minutes. When he came to, he found he had developed an obsession with Ilamas, which he immediately passed on to his wife, Jan.

The couple completely remodelled their San Diego garden into a small slice of the Andes and

introduced ten llamas, who now join them to watch television at night. Mr Chapman, who bought the animals to thank God for his recovery, is even said to kies his llamas on the lips. (There is a nasty rash of this sort of thing going around. One American pet magazine recently put out a warning to parrot owners not to kiss their pets on the mouth after some ugly pecking incidents. Parrots are notoriously prudish.)

Of course, the hapless llama may eventually join the Vietnamese potbellied pig, the pet of choice during the affluent 1980s, thousands of which have now been abandoned. left with animal welfare agencies or even, sad to report, eaten - victims of the cruel vagaries of animal fashion. But llamas are bolshier than Vietnamese pigs, and no doubt flocks of rejected and television-starved llamas will one day be found wandering the streets of San Diego, snogging with tourists and spitting on policemen.

The American preoccupation with animals produces displays of great affection, as well as violent hatred and a special sort of madness, as Renee Solomon can attest. Ms Solomon is a quiet, bespectacled professor at Columbia University and the sort who would not, in most circumstances, hurt a fly.



Media mega-star: Bill Clinton's famous furry friend, Socks

In the spring of last year the Epsteins, her neighbours in the Manhattan high-rise where she found that she was being woken at dawn by myopic pigeons crashing into her windows; her sills, where the birds roosted, became a sea of guano. At first she just slipped a note under the Epsteins' door, telling them that "in the city, if you try to feed birds you will get

But the birds kept coming, and when Ms Solomon returned home to find bullet-holes in her windows after someone had started taking pot-shots at the infuriating birds. she informed the building superintendent, who smeared her window ledge with a special pigeon-repel-

ling gel.
The Epsteins were livid, and informed the American Society for

the Protection of Birds, who sent round their Officer Hernandez, who said the gel was too thick and a Hernandez started leaving angry and vaguely threatening messages on Ms Solomon's answering machine and then, last December, the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, raided her flat while she was on holiday and took photographs of

the offending sill. A few weeks later, Ms Solomon was sitting in her university office when Mr Hernandez and several armed policemen burst in and arrested her. She, understandably, kicked one of the officers in the shins, and was handcuffed, locked in a cell and charged with killing

birds and resisting arrest. The charges were later dropped, but Ms Solomon is now suing her neighbours and the city for wrong-ful arrest, false imprisonment and slander. She hopes to get \$4 million, after an episode which finally proves what one had always suspected: New Yorkers' love of animals is inversely proportional to their love of humanity.

For while many Americans are prepared to bury their relatives with a minimum of fuss, pets (as Evelyn Waugh noted) are accorded the sort of funereal trappings reserved for cardinals and criminals in most

The Long Island Pet Cemetery many New Yorkers, who regard the multiple murders carried out by the likes of John Gotti as mere peccadilloes. The owners of this cemetery, it transpired, were not burying or cremating each beloved pet separately but throwing the dead animals into mass graves or burning them en masse. The crime was apparently discovered when the owner of a dead budgerigar was presented with a package of cremated remains containing a canine molar.

Of all the many things dividing this great, heterogeneous nation, perhaps none is more acute than the gulf between those who love, and those who want to destroy, animals. It is currently the deer-

hunting season in America, when otherwise gentle souls arm themselves to the teeth and venture into the woods and mountains to kill. some by traditional shot and shell. but increasingly using bows and arrows, crossbows and even ancient muskets. As in Italy, a substantial number of hikers, ornithologists and teenage lovers are also bagged

every year.

The right to bear arms is en-shrined in the constitution, but the right to kills things is not. Most members of the National Rifle Association, the principal lobby plore the fantastic level of gun violence in the country, but they are fully aware that once the government declares a closed season on drug-dealers, the elk may well be next.

But the peculiar relationship between the American and his or her animal - domestic or wild, whether viewed on video or through a telescopic sight — is a remarkable thing, involving imagination, expense and, above all,

secrifice. When Virginia lawyer Derleck Crandall recently discovered that his asthma was gening worse, his allergist told him bluntly that he

must get rid of his Siamese cat. Mr Crandall fired his allergist.

o wonder Crimewatch UK is such a popular pro-I gramme, and compulsory viewing for both criminals and non-criminals alike. Englishmen and this is where Basil Fawlty rang so many bells - love a bit of amateur policing. Many women I have spoken to consider that their husbands are policemen manqués and like nothing more than to come home to catch their wife "at" some petty crime, such as putting her feet up or talking on the phone

Coming home for hunch exhausted from working out of doors, pruning other people's apple trees or laying a hedge, my own hus-band does not collapse in a chair with a pint of Goliath ale. Instead he goes directly to my office to check that the thermostat on my Dimplex heater is set at a minimum. On his way through the house towards my office, which is so small that we call it "the slit", his hands reach out

at peak time.

Domestic crime and punishment Excuse me madam, would you accompany me to the kitchen?

octopus-like to switch off lights and central heating and to pour most of the recently boiled water out of the kettle. "No point heating up more than you need - it contributes to global warming."
There is nothing warm about our

cottage, which stands in the teeth of a permanent gale that sweeps up the plain towards it. A plain where only prostrate trees survive, al-though he has planted hundreds to shelter the house to save on heating bills (and to give him a chance to

"You shouldn't need the heating on in November - what is going to happen when it's really cold?" he barks. "People have forgotten how to dress warmly — jerseys, long-johns, vests, get them on!" My problem is that I don't want

to clad myself like a hot-water tank because if I do it means I can't move my arms. As I usually spend most of the day at a word processor, this is a constant source of conflict, as is his declaration that "if you want to keep warm in a cottage you have to keep moving". The telephone is another

danger zone, and more than one of our friends has pointed out the similarity between ourselves and Sybil and Basil Fawity. He has a rigid rule about not ringing anyone until after six, a practice that has lost him at least one important artistic commission. I



from one of London's top interior designers. "We have an Arab client who wants a mosaic floor in one of his bathrooms. Your husband is the only person we can think of who could do it. Can you get in touch with him and get him to ring us straight away?" I tracked him down and gave him the message. That night I rang again excitedly. "What happened about the mosaic

"Well, answer." There couldn't have been no answer. They've got a huge West End office."

"Well, there was no answer." "What time did you ring them?" "Five past six - cheap time." Tired of waiting, they had persuaded the client to have a different type of floor in the meantime.

"Did you have anything important to say?" he asked his mother in a Dalek-like voice when she telephoned the other day - "because I'm a very busy man."

The reason he is so busy is that he runs his own one acre of land organically and a lot of time is spent covering the ground in old newspapers so as to stop weeds germinating. The rest of the time is spent placing stones on top of the newspapers to stop them blowing

This leaves him some time to police my shopping and berate me for having bought wrong things. The other day I looked at our calendar to see in my own section: "Check what we have already got too much of. Then buy more of the same thing."

In his formative years his own father used to "police" him for things like leaving the hot tap running. "Don't leave it running. Hot water is like blood!" The motorway brings out the

latent policeman in him like no other activity. When it says "50mph mandatory speed limit", he will switch to the fast lane and "sit" there at 50mph to stop others from exceeding the limit.

as driving at speed on the hard shoulder would, with cars undertaking us and bearing down from all directions.

"Why don't you just join the police force? Just give in to it!" I cried recently. "It's obviously what you want. And you'd get a salary." an attendant in a public park instead?" he asked. rather tell off children for going on

Sip it, Pipit

A report in the El Watan Daily, of Algiers, caught our eye the other day. It concerned an unfortunate who had been attacked

by five ruffians, and who had lost his voice as a result.

Several doctors and psychiatrists, it seemed, could do nothing for Ziane Bensabli, 28. until someone hit on the sensible notion of treating him with whisky, whereupon he recovered

in a matter of days. The brand of whisky was not revealed in the report.

But it is certain that, had it been The Macallan Malt Whisky with its.

mouth-stroking sherry notes, he would have been WARBLING

like a dizz ilma* in a matter of minutes.

The Macallan. The Malt.

This puts us in as much danger

He looked sheepish. "Can't I be the flower beds than deal with frightening men with crowbars."

Bryan

a foream. oward,

Conor

THEATRE LONDON

ANNIE GET YOUR GUN: Kim Criswell and John Diedrich doin what comes naturily in a revival of Irving Berlin's hit-packed musical Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5987). Previews tonight, Mon. Tues. 7.30pm; opens Wed, 7pm; then Tues-Sat, 7 30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, Sun, 3.30pm.

ASSASSINS: Sondinem's sharp and successful musical about killers of American presidents. rehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150), Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat,



Drama: Jane Asher, Rufus Sewell in Making it Better

HAY FEVER Maria Aitken and John Standing bewilder the weekend guests in Coward's excellent cornedy. Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115), Previews Tues. Wed, 8pm; opens Thurs, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Thurs, Sat, 3pm.

KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN: Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp. Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat,

LOST IN YOMKERS: Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Nail Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman is good value as a loopy

aunt. Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. MACHETH/THE TEMPEST:

English Shakespeare Company in London for three weeks with its latest modernish dress productions; Tony Haygarth as the ambitious laird; John Woodvine the exiled The Royalty, Portugal Street

(off Kingsway), WC2 (071-494 5020). *Macbeth* : Tues, 7.30pm, Wed, 2.30pm and 7.30pm; Tempest: Thurs, Frl, 7.30pm, Sat, 2.30pm and 7.30pm. MAKING IT BETTER: LUST, treaction and ambition revealed as an English couple harbour two Czechoslovakian exiles. Jane Asher heads an exceptional cast in James Saunders's play. Criterion, Piccadrily Circus, W1 (071-839 **4488), Mon-**Frl, Som,

OUR SONG: Peter Officializa Kerth Waterhouse's play about a menopausal male's infatuation with a young woman. Neatly done though we only hear the man's DOINT OF VIEW.

8.30pm, mats Tues, 3pm, Sat,

W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8.15pm. Sat. 6pm and 8.45pm. STAGES: Haunting performance by Alan Bates as the washed-up artist in David Storey's elegy for lost times and places. Lindsay

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Anderson directs. National (Cottesk Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Wednext Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, next Sat, 4pm.

TENDER IS THE NORTH: candinavian week at the Ptr. Rehearsed readings of Enquists's Rain Snakes: H.C. Andersen trys to persuade patrons to help him find fame as a tragedian (Mon. 7.15om): Lars Loren's Autumn and Winter: unwanted truths at a family dinner (Tues, 7.15pm); **Burnt Njali: adapted by Peter** Whelan from the Icelandic saga (Wed, 7.30pm), Performances of Beilman's Opera, directed by Clifford Williams: Knights of Bacchus speaking truth in drink (tomorrow, 5pm, 8pm, Thurs, 3.45pm, 7.15pm); Julian Glover in Beowulf (Wed, 5pm). The Pit. Barbican Centre London EC2 (071-638 8891).

THREE BIRDS ALIGHTING ON A FIELD: Harriet Walter perfect again in revival of this subtle comic state-of-the-nation play, se a world of shifting values and plummeting art-prices.
Royal Court, Sloane Square SW1 (071-730 1745), Mon-Sat. 8pm, mat Sat. 4pm

TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT: Simon Cadell, John Wells, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 26 parts, male and female, in Giles Havergal's marvellous version of Graham Greene's novel. Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116), Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

WEXPORD TRILOGY: Billy Roche's affectionate, sad, comic Wexford Trilogy (separate plays, connected in mood). A Handful of Stars: killing time in a pool hall ds to doing time in jail. Poor Beas in the Rain - a man who took a friend's wife off to England returns after ten years. Belfry: a gentle sacristan falls in love with another man's wife. Bush, Shepherds Bush Green

W12 (081-743 3388). Belfry: today, Fri, Spm; Stars; Mon, Tues, Spm; Poor Beast: Wed, Thurs, Spm. REGIONAL EDINBURGIE Brad Fraser,

atough young Canadian playwright, gets his first UK premiere with The Nature of Love: sex, a serial killer, and deep trouble for Edmonton hedonists. Traverse, Cambridge Street (031-228 1404). Preview Fri, 8pm; opens Sat (Nov 28), 8pm; then

HARROGATE: Vincuut Prankfir pleys Figaro again, this time in *The* Barber Of Seville, combining the Beaumarchais play with Rossini

Street (0423 502116). Tues-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sats (from Nov 28), 2,30pm.

LEEDS: Bernard Lloyd as Toyye, Beverley Klein as Golda, trying to many off their daughters in Fiddler On The Roof. West Yorkshire Playhouse, Quarry bill Mount (0552 442111). ws from Fsl, 7.30pm; opens Tues, 7.30pm; then Mon-Fri, 7,30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats (from Dec 5), Wed, 2pm and Sat, 4pm. LEICESTER: Paul Kerryson brings

Side Story. Haymarket, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797). Praviews tonight, Mon, 7.30pm; opens Tues, 7.30pm; then Mon-Sat. 7.30pm mats (from Dec 5) Wed and Sat,

NORWICH: After its £3.5 million refurbishment the theatre reopens with the RSC's sublimely funny Comedy of Errors, with Desmond Barrit who won an Olivier award for his performance as two twins Theatre Royal, Theatre Street (0603 630000). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm mats Wed, Sat, 2,30pm.

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Purcell players: (I to r) Andrew Watts, Richard Earle, Timothy Mason, Martin Neary, Celia Harper (see Music)

FILM

LES AMANTS DU PONT NEUF (18): Leos Carax's hymn to Paris and a punk bum's love for a young artist going blind, Terrific In spurts. Metro (071-437 0757).

THE CRYING GAME (18): Bold Neil Jordan film about an IRA gunman obsessed with a hostage's girlfriend. Stephen Rea ker, Jave Davidson. Curzon West End (071-439 4805) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031).

HUSBANDS AND WIVES (15): Woody Alien's best film in years, a lacerating tale of collapsing New York marriages. With Allen and Mia Farrow among the cast. MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631) Minema (071-235 4225) Odeon Kensington (0426) 914566) Renoir (071-837 8402) Screen on Baker Street (071-

THE LAST OF THE MONICANS American colonies with frontiersman Daniel Day-Lewis Shallow version of the classic novel; director Michael Mann. Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Haymar (071-839 1527) MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332). PETER'S FRIENDS (15): College

pals meet up after a decade for a glib mixture of laughter and

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tears. Kenneth Branagh directs Emme Thompson, Stephen Fry, Rita Rudner and himself. Empire (071-497 9999) MGM Chalma (071-352 5096) MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366) UCI Whiteleys (071-792

RAPID FIRE (18): Part cop thriller, part kung tu showcase for Bruce Lee's son Brandon. Slapdash fun for genre fans. ector, Dwight H. Little. MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Oxford Street (071-



Whoopi Goldberg: hiding out as a nun in Sister Aci

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE (18): New room-mate proves a crackpot. Nicely atmospheric, but the Crudities mount. Bridget Fonds, lennifer Jason Leigh; director, Odeons: Kensington (0426 914566) Leicester Square (0426 915683) UCI Whiteleys (071-

SISTER ACT (PG): Whoopi Goldberg hides out in a convent. Contrived but disarming, warm-hearted comedy. Maggie Smith as the Mother Superior, Director, Emile Ardolino. MGM Chelsen (071-552 5096) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Marble Arch (0426

914501) West End (0426 915574) UC Whiteleys (071-792 3332). SMILES OF A SUMMER NIGHT (15): New print of Bergman's lovely. scintillating comedy about mismatched couples (1955). Starring Eva Dahlbeck, Bibi Anders Barbican (071-638 8891).

Bright, sassy caper comedy with a starry cast (Robert Redford, Sidney Portier, Dan Avkroyd, Ben Kingsley). Director, Phil Alden Empire (071-497 9999) MGM

SNEAKERS (12): Technology

Baker Street (071-935 9772) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

STRICTLY BALLROOM (PG): One dancer's fight to defy the rules of the Australian Ballroom Dancing Federation. Ebullient, intoxicating debut by director Baz Luhrmann. With Paul Mercurio. Barbican (071-638 8891) MGM Choisea (071-352 5096) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574) Renoir (071-837 8402) een on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

TETSUO II: BODYHAMMER: Quiet family man mutates into metal-encrusted killing machine. Relentless monstrosity from Tokyo's enfant terrible Shinya

ICA (071-930 3647). TWIN PEAKS: FIRE WALK WITH ME (18): David Lynch's dislikeable prequel to the cult television series, with Sheryl Lee as the resurrected Laura Palmer. Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM

nham Court Road (071-

636 6148).

MAYERLING: Tonight Zoltan Solymosi and Leanne Benjamin, as Crown Prince Rudolf and Mary Vetsera, make their debuts in the eading roles in MacMillan's violent tale of the suicidal lovers of the Austro-Hungarian court. This -afternoon, irek Mukhamedov and Viviana Durante star, a performance they repeat on Thursday night.
Royal Opera House, Covent
Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066), today, 2.30pm, 7.30pm, Thurs, 7.30pm.

DANCE

LEINDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE: The company opens its Sadler's Wells season on Tuesday with two London or the bisprototy assistment aint-Saens' Septet) by the popular American choreographer Mark Morris, and *Rooster*, for which Christopher Bruce turned to the music of the Rolling Stones. Presented on a mixed bill with Arnie Zane's Freedom of Sadier's Wells, Roseber (071-278 8916), Tues-next Sat, 7.30pm, mat Thurs.

THE KOSH: This acrobatic dance troupe celebrates its tenth anniversary with a new version of its *Endangered Species*, a work repired by the life of veteran circus performer and vaudeviller Johnny Hutch, who also cochoreographed and co-directed. The piece features a variety double act struggling to maintain their nal, and personal,

, sanity. Tricycle Theatre, 269 Kilburn High Road, London NW6 (071-328 1000), opens Tues, until Dec 5, HAMILET: For its first visit to Britain, the Royal New Zeeland Ballet

is presenting its production of espeare's tale, which features medieval-style music played on traditional instruments by musicians who take part in the stage action. The choreography is by the British dancemaker Jonathan Taylor, the music by the New Zealand composer William Southgate. Derngate, 19-21 Guildhall Road, Northampton (0604 24811), Tues-next Sat, 7.30pm.

CLASSICAL HUDDETERAD CONTEMPORARY MUSIC hestival: Tomorrow night sees the British premiere of Gerard Grisey's Le Noir de l'Etolie, a multi-media piece which uses the requencies of five pulsar signals from Jodrell Bank as tempi to generate rotations of sound and light. The audience sit surrounded by six percussionists, while above their heads the sounds of interstallar space are accompanied by a computer-controlled light show. tomorrow, Spm). More conventions musical interest is offered on Tuesday by the British premiere of lann's Xienakls's Tale of a Faust

(Huddersfield Town Hall, Tues, 7.30pm). Huddersfield Come Music Festival, Tourist Information Centre, Albion Street, Huddersfield (0484 430808). TENDER IS THE NORTH: This waek's Nordic festival highlight's include The Drottningholm Theatre Saga, a costume speciacula based on the history of the magnificently restored 18th-century wedish court theatre. Written and narrated by Elisabeth aderström and Ture Rangström, the story is told in words, music, dance and

pictures (tonight, 8pm). Barbican Art Gallery, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 4141). HENRY PURCELL: THE ENGLISH GENIUS: At 2,30pm today in the Purcell Room (where eise?) Nicholas Kenyon impoduces the South Bank's three-year Purcell Tercentenary Project. This is followed by two illustrated talks, with demonstrations by soprano Catherine Bott, actors, and members of the Purcell Quartet Then at 8pm tonight the Purcell Quartet with Catherine Bott give a recital of music by the composer (Purcell Room), while tomorrow (Queen Elizabeth Hall, 7.45pm) there is a concert by Gustav Leonhardt and the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, with the Choir of the Enlightenment and vocal solvists Julia Gooding, Donna Deam, Michael Chance, Christopher Robson, John Elwas and David Wilson-Johnson. South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2800).

EVENINGS OUT SALLY CLARKE CHEF AND RESTAURATEUR



6 I've never really liked Ken Russell's films as I have a weak stomach when it comes to on-screen violence, but his updated production of Gilbert and Sullivan's Princess Ida at the London Coliseum intrigues me. It's set in the year 2000 when Buckingham Palace has become a theme park, and he's used characters based on the royal family - including the corgis. As a serious opera fan. I am not generally that keen on operettas, but this sounds like a fun evening out. The new Kenneth Branagh film Peter's Friends sounds right up my street too. I'm ashamed to say i've never seen Kenneth Branagh on stage or in films, so I'm especially keen to see it. Afterwards I'd go to eat at Riva in Barnes. I love the northern Italian cuisine, and because it is a little out in the sticks, I find it has an extra special ambience in the evening. (Usually my evenings consist of leaving work late, with a takeaway under my arm ...) ?

MECKLENBURGH OPERA: The award-winning company presents the one act chamber opera Petrified by the Czechoslovaldan

composer Juraj Benes. The opera was written in 1974, six years after Czechoslovakia, and is based on the work of the 19th-century Slovak nationalist poet, Janko Král (1822-

OPERA

BOW DOWN: Harrison

by Graham Devlin. The

Birtwistle's gruesome music theatre

piece, to a text by Tony Harrison based on an ancient ballad about

two sisters in love with the same

programme also includes the first

treatment of the story of Daedelus

European staging of Parabola, a

by the Australia-based British

St Paul's Hall, Huddersfield

Queen Elizabeth Hall, South

Bank, London 5E1 (071-928 8800).

composer Andrew Ford.

Thurs. 7.45pm.

man, is presented in new production

The Place, London WC1 (071-387 0031), Thurs-next Sat, 8pm. PRINCESS IDA: Ken Russell's camp new staging of Gilbert and Sullivan's wry look at women's Coffseum, St Martin's Lane. London WCZ (071-836 3161), Man, Tues, Fri, 7.30pm.

M72 DANNY THOMPSON'S WHATEVER: The distinctive bass player whose varied musical past has included forays into folk and rock, performs with his band. Metro, Bury (051-761 2216), Thurs, 8pm. MAC, Birmingham (021-440 3838), Pri, 7.45pm. BRIGHTON JAZZ BOP '92:

Highlights of this year's dance event include soul artist Ornar, American jazz funk planist Eddle Russ, Latin percussionist Snowboy and singer Martine Girault. Event, Brighton (0273 732627), Fri. 8om-2am. ROCK

THE BEAUTIFUL SOUTH: The Northern band offer lyrics with a

social conscience wrapped up in sweet, catchy pop tunes. NEC Arena, Birmingham (021-780 4133), Mon, Spm. Wembley Arena, Middlesox (081-900 1234), Tues, 7,30pm. Arena, Sheffield (0742 565656), Wed, SIMPLY RED: With the group's

Stars album seemingly a perment fixture in the charts, the slikyvoiced Mick Hucknall takes his soul brothers out on the road for an intended tour of the UK. Arena, Wembley (081-900 1234), today, tomorrow and Mon. Spm. Arena, Sheffield (0742 565656), Thurs, Frl. 7pm. JOHN CALLS The former Velver

Underpround member returns to the UK after an absence of several years performing simple but." resonant plano and voice Pestival Hall, London SE1 (071-928 8800), tomorrow, 7.30pm. Brangisyn Hall, Swansea (0792. 302489), Mon, 7.30pm.

Resonant: musician John Cale goes on a solo tour

EXHIBITIONS

PATRICK CAULFIELD: It is now 11 years since Cauffield had a rospective in London. This new show brings us up to date with his painting now that he has dispensed with black outlines and ventured into trompe l'oell Sarpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, London W2.

(071-402 6075). Dally 10am-6pm, opens Tues, until Jan 17. BOUDH AT TROUVELLE AS well as playing a vital role in encouraging the teenage Monet to foresake caricature for painting, Boudin was an important precursor of the impressionists, and a distinguished figure in his own right. This is the first extensive showing in Britain for many

years. Burrell Collection, Polick Country Park, Glasgow (041-649 7151). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, until Feb 28.

SICKERT: Though the artist's early works, reflecting his cosmopolitan experience with Whistler and the impressionists have retained their lofty status they have been increasingly joined of late by the once-despised work of his old age, based frequently on newspaper photographs or images from pop culture of the day. This large show (134 works) gives ample opportunity to see both

Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (071-439 7438). Daily 10am-6pm, until

ERIC GILL: The first to concentrate on Gill's major sculptures, this show presents him as one of the most brilliant of all stone-carvers. Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican Centre, London EC2 (071-638 4141), Mon, Wed, Sat 10am-6.45pm, Tues, 10am-5.45pm, Sun, noon-6.45pm, until Feb 7 1993.

THE TURNER PRIZE 1992; This year the four artists shortlisted for the prize are all young enough and news conscious enough to make it seem more like a competition for new art than an accorate on entry into the establishment. Recent work by Grenville Davey, Damlen Hirst David Tremlett and Alison Wilding is

the winner is on Tuesday. Tata Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun. 2-5.50pm, until New 23.

EDVARD MUNCH: This large show is devoted to the paintings, drawings and prints made by Monch in the 1890s and features some 85 pieces drawn from . three great Norwegian collections. National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (071-839 3321). Daily, 10am-6pm (Wed to Spm), until Feb 7 1993.

TOM PHILLIPS: As well as being a painter, the Royal Academician is a poet, musician, printmaker and book artist. Most of these talents are shown off, along with his pet obsessions, in this selection. Royal Academy of Arts (see above). Daily, 10am-6pm, until Dec

SALEROOMS

TUESDAY AND PRIDAY: The ode of Napoleon is recalled in Tuesday, 11am, and Sotheby's, Friday, 10.30am. The former have an 18th-century Spanish armchair which he used aboard the Northumberland en route to St Heiena (estimated up to £1,500) and the latter an octagonal oak desk made for the emperor's use on he island by George Bullock (up to £50,0001. Philips, 101 New Bond Street, Landon W1 (071-629 6602).

Sotheby's, New Bond Street London W1 (071-493 8080) WEDNESDAY: Garibaldi, Grace Darling, Punch and Judy, the Malakoff and Sebastopol are among the Staffordshire figures in Bearne's ceramics sale, 10am. in London, among the saver offered by Christie's, 11am, is a William and Mary tumbler cup. 1692 (up to: £1,500). Sotheby's have 19thtury continental works, 15am and 2.30pm, including a portrait of the young Maud Cassel by Anders Zorn (up to £150,000). Bearne's, Rainbow, Avenue Road, Torquay (0803 296277). Christie's, 8 King Street, St

James's, London SW1 (071-839 9060). Sotheby's (as above). PRIDAY: In King Street, Christie's offer 19th-century. continental paintings and watercolours. These include Millet's watercolour First Steps (up to £320,000), and a painting by Strindberg, helpfully emitted Waves (up to £150,000). Christie's (as above).

BOOKINGS

CRAZY FOR YOU: The Prince-Edward Theatre is having a 43m refurbishment ready for the West End opening of the revemped Gershwin musical Crazy For You early next year. On Broadway, Crazy with its mixture of classics. ("Embraceable You", "I Got Rhythm") and rediscovered Gershwin songs. The London production is directed by Mike Ockrent.
Prince Edward Theatre, Old

Compton Street, London W1 (071-734 8951), previews from Feb 18; opens Mar 3, 1993, Mon-Sat. 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat. 3pm. CYRANO DE 8 MAC: The swashbuckling hero is celebrated in director Elijah Moshinsky's new version of Rostand's tale about the character's unrequited love for his beautiful cousin Roxane. Robert Undsay has his hooter extended for the part of Cyrano; while Stells Gonet gets the beauty treatment for the role of Royane. Theatre Royal, Haymarket London SW1 (071-930 8800). previews from Nov 28; opens

Dec 14. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Set, 2,30pmL ALCINA: Handel's opera -- last seen at Covent Garden in 1962 — is given a new staging by the American director Stephen Wadsworth, widely acclaimed for his translations and staging of 18th-century operas and plays. Yvonne Kenny plays the enchantress vho rules over the magic island and Ann Murray plays her suitor

Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), opens Dec 18. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CONCERT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS: Former Talking Head David Byrne will be giving the European premiere of his 50-minute classical composition The Forest (with the Pro Arté Orchestra) to aunch celebrations towards Human Rights Day on December 10. Also on the bill is singer Alison Moyet and the Bala Festival Hall, South Bank London SE1 (071-928 8800), Nov

VIDEO THE CABINET OF DR CALIGARI (Aikman Archive, PG): Robert Wiene's memorable Expressionist classic, with painted sets at crazy angles and a conundrum of a plot. Werner Krauss as the strange doctor,

Conrad Veidt as the somnambulist who does his bidding, 1919. GRAND CANYON (Fox Video, 15): Lawrence Kasdan's ambitious.

uneven tapestry of life on a brife-edge in Los Angeles. One sharp scene, then windy words, then a rush of mush. Among the cast are Kevin Kline, Steve Martin and Danny Glover.

REPLECTIONS IN A GOLDEN EYE (Tartan Video: 15): Bizarre ehaviour with horses, riding crops and Filipino houseboys: par for the course in Carson McCullers*. barroque novel about a southern army camp, Cleverly filmed by -John Huston, with an admirable Cast. Marlon Brando, Elizabeth Taylor, 1967. . . .

Film: Geoff Brown: Theatres Jeremy Kingston; Classical Music, Operation Brunskill: Rock, Jazz: Stephank Osborne, **Dance:** Debra Craine; Exhibitions: John Russell Taylor; Video: Geoff

The real reason why the royals are looking so glum

lone among those who fol-low the saga of the allegedly A low the saga of the allegedly troubled marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales. I am in a position to make certain disclosures which may explain their apparent gloom. I know it seems unlikely that a mere farmer should hit upon the truth when the professional royal-watchers have given it their undivided attention, but they spend too much time peering through telephoto lenses when they would be better scanning the small print of the agricultural journals. Therein lies the real reason the

Waleses are depressed. It is because he is a farmer. And it matters not one jot that he is the second highest person in the land; his farm is probably going down the pan as fast as every other one in Britain. Cuts in subsidies, environ-mental pressures. Brussels regulations, wet harvests farmers. believe me, get edgy, and their

PARMER'S DIARY PAUL HEINEY

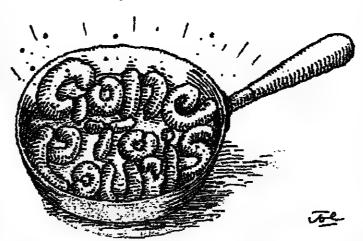
wives fed up with the constant complaining. Everyone has suffered and no farmer can pull rank. There is only one sol-

ution, we are repeatedly told. Diversify! Be inventive and come up with new ideas for using your land and your crops. Well, the Prince of Wales has come up with a cracking idea and, by strange coincidence, a similar one crossed my mind at roughly the same time. And I can tell you that since then the incidence of marital frost in this household has greatly increased.

He has my sympathy. His idea was to take his surplus oats and wheat and bake the mixture into biscuits. He is going to stamp on each one his own insignia - the three feathers - and, as he is

not as skint as most farmers, he will sell them in aid of charity. This is a classic example of what farmers are being urged to do. As diversification ideas go. it takes the biscuit. My idea was to do with

pigs. There is little profit in fattening pigs and sending them to market if you farm on a small scale. as we do; anyway, burchers do not like our black pigs and I do not care for their livestock markets so there is little chance of a profitable marriage there. Therefore, we have been turning pigs into joints of pork, selling them from the farm and making a modest shilling that way. But not quite enough shillings, so I decided to take the idea one step further and add even more



into sausages. Not having a heral-dic stamp of my own to place upon the pack, I decided that they should be our village's own sausage, with a portion of the proceeds going towards a fund to restore the church

bells. To ensure democracy, decided that the village would hold an election and, from three differently flavoured sausages on offer. vote for one to carry the village's

where I found myself confronted with a plastic bag full of pigs' intestines, an attachment to the food-mixer with which to squirt the sausage-meat into the guts, and a row of herbs and spices. Like Farm-

er Jekyll. I started to mix my brew. I imagine there were similar scenes at Highgrove, as the Prince got out his Kenwood Chef and put on his apron to create the perfect personal biscuit I wonder if he got the same mocking from his spouse that I did. Did he have to suffer his family filing past his efforts and muttering "Yuck"?

And what happened at Highgrove when it came to the tasting? I offered my own princess my exciting blend of pigmeat, breadcrumbs and herbs and waited for a radiant beam to cross her face. All I got was a withering look worthy of Queen Mary. "Look, darling," I cried, "I am only doing this for the farm." It have come from either of our farm-

house kitchens. As I flung more herbs into the mixer, festooned intestine around the kitchen like Christmas streamers and scowled at my wife, I pondered what a snooper with a long lens would make of our facial expressions.

So the next time you open the newspaper and see a frosty royal expression, give it the benefit of the doubt. It could be simply that the prince has run up half a pound of his latest organic oat-and-nasturtium cookies and is getting a less than enthusiastic response.

Here, after working through sausages with garlic-and-paprika, gin-and-juniper-berry and sageand-black-pepper, our marriage is rocked to its very foundations. If my wife had even the slightest pretext to head for Paris alone, she undoubtedly would.

Swansong for our gentle souls

tremities of these islands, a few still believe the older people in the Hebrides or the west of Ireland will warn you never to harm a swan; the swan is the guardian of the human soul, and the swan you injure may harbour

the soul of someone you once loved. In Shedand a flight of three swans still turns heads, commands respect. Norse lore has three Fates: the Three Nornes, representing past, present and future, and represented by three swans.

Such legends endure where nature is still a daily force to be placated or cursed or consulted. In lesser landscapes, where nature has been deadened and distanced, the human soul in its swan guise is ridiculed, poisoned, choked, shot, beaten-up, strangled, electrocuted, with crossbow bolts. In such places swans have no future, a miserable present: in some only a past.

An adult swan has no natural enemies, only man, who is as unnatural an enemy as a swan could ever conceive. For man is also the friend of swans. His hospitality has often sustained them where they might have failed. He feeds them. them. And, as the folkione of half the countries of the world testifies.

he even becomes swan. : ...
I have grown addicted to swans over 25 years, an addiction which stems from a craving for theatre-inthe wild. My nature writer's instincts are best served by those wildlife tribes which tread a wild stage for a living and dominate that stage utterly, with lives imbued by badger, eagle, for example - but

If you grew up, as I did, with the idea of a swan as a curved sittingprettiness on a parkland pond (or a matchbox, pub sign, toilet roll, theatre, chocolate box . . see how we devalue the superlative to titivate

Jim Crumley writes of the lore and lives of the swans that

tread a wild and increasingly

dangerous stage

the mundane), you are unprepared for Arctic-sheened whoopers on a peat-black Skye loch, and the world "swan" is suddenly and stunningly

As with all theatre, the performance depends on its setting for effect. The nature of the stage the swans strut or swim or swan-fly (a different and more glorified motion than other forms of wild flight) transforms them uniquely. An en-closed setting — a pond, canal, treedark river — confers an air of sup-pressed tension on a swimming swan, an intimidating authority on a flying one.

A bland setting — a large, flat field where wintering swans graze in flocks — suggests something exotically oriental; brilliant imposters in the drab world of sheep. A wild Highland setting, in which wing-song or bugle-voice echoes back from a black crag, accords swans their due - the nearest thing to perfection in nature.

True, the theatre of swans is often of a Waiting for Godot-ish school, such is their capacity for doing almost nothing for hours on end, but the swan-watcher works in ment which unleashes the grand gesture. Besides, swans never do absolutely nothing, and impart measured grace to the most mundane actions, apart from walking. Even nature knows the worth of comedy in its most dramatic

roles, an example from which

the Swan of Avon learnt much. Nonsense clings to swans as loggedly as myth. The one everybody quotes as indisputable truth is that a swan can break your arm with a single blow of a wing. Just as common is the absence of a shred of evidence that it has actually happened. If you are frail, brittleboned, crassly careless and cursed, it is probably possible.

Swan bones broken by humans. commonplace. In a recent Scottish court case the accused explained an assault on a swimming swan thus: "I was only skimming stones,

your honour." You cannot," the sheriff said, "skim a brick."

The angler who discards a yard or two of broken line, often with hook, is laying a snare which can main or kill a swan. So is the wildfowler who peppers the shallows with lead shot. Along with the vandal, the egg-stealer, the brick-skimmer, they should face the same punishment as those who prey on eagles or ospreys or peregrines.

wans which suffer at their hands often die slowly and in agony. When G.L. Doane wrote of the dying swan. "Death darkens his eyes and unphimes his wings, yet the sweet-est song is the last he sings", it is safe to presume he had never had to handle a pair of mute swans with a brood of six cygnets which had been smothered in tar by vandals (the pair in question survived seven hours to clean each bird but they returned to the wild with

shrined in law, the swan will eventually retreat to those Celtic and Norse shores of the land where a few old ones still believe.

• Jim Crumley is the author of Waters of the Wild Swan Conathan Cape, £14.99).



Jim Crumley and a flotilla of peace: without greater deterrents enshrined in law, the swan may retreat to less threatening shores

I NEVER saw lions without wishing to be among them. I always wanted to throw myself into their midst. I felt this urge most strongly after a kill: a great golden heap of lion, a perfect ecstasy of digestion, paws in the air, expressions of fatuous content and an atmosphere of glorious, lazy companionability.

At first I thought this was something to do with the urge to fling oneself off high buildings or into the path of Tube trains: the strange attractiveness of mortal danger. But I was forced to revise this theory: I didn't feel the same thing with any other dangerous beasts.

I felt no urge to swim with crocs and hippos. I felt no temptation to frolic with buffaloes. A leopard is too self-contained and remote to inspire dreams of cuddles: only admiration will do. And, though no one could fail to delight in the proximity of elephants, I felt no need to cast myself among them.
I thought this desire to frolic with

lions was a personal aberration, but when I mentioned it to others they all confessed to the same urge: "I just want to leap out of the vehicle and curl up with them."

This seems the most natural

Farewell deadly pride

thing in the world. A number of things encourage it. For a start, in Luangwa you almost always have the beasts to yourself: no crowds of gawpers here. And then, of course, you are fairly close - say, five yards. Close enough to tingle the blood a little, anyway. Many a time I have been so close to lions I could have leant from the vehicle and touched them. Indeed, it was an effort to stop myself.

A great big, lovely, peaceful pile f golden fur: that is a pride of wellfed lions. And our local pride was certainly well-fed. They had the drought to thank for that long before the dry season had ended, the Luangwa river was virtually the only drinking water in the valley. Our pride — the Pride of Twelve held a territory that ran for about six miles along the river banks.

For a lion, this was millionaires' row: the prey animals could not keep away. They would die of thirst if they did. For the lions, the drought was a time of plenty. There

BUSH TELEGRAPH Simon Barnes

were eight females and four young. maneless males: the entire pride was young, fit and fast: Perry Nyama, our game scout, called them "the deadly pride". Nor was this a courtesy title. One

morning, driving out from camp, we passed a herd of buffaloes walking up from the river. "They've been drinking at the Mwamba confluence." "Wasn't that where we saw the Twelve last night?"

It was. And we found a sight of devastation: the lions had killed three buffaloes in a sudden, violent orgy of killing. They had switched from peaceful content to ferocity in the blinking of an eye: about five

tons of meat lay on the sands. Three mornings later nothing was left. In the perfect economy of the bush there is no waster after the pride had extracted the lion's share. the hyenas, the vultures and the marabous devoured the rest.

Some people were fooled by the lions. They thought they were tame. Docile. The illusion is understandable: in times of plenty a lion spends huge amounts of time resting, digesting, rolling around in a lovely great heap of hon. That lazy good fellowship is brought about by these brief, seldom-seen bursts

of perfect ferocity.

There seems to be a deep split in leonine personality. Such drastic contrasts — docility and utter ferocity — come easily to them. Their complicated social life shows the same divided nature.

They are co-operative hunters with a savage loner's streak. At a kill, it is every lion for itself: you see cubs, ears back, fighting for a bite with swatting paws. Wild dogs run



After the kill: a great golden heap of lion, a perfect ecstasy of digestion. Right: Simon Barnes takes a last look at the Luangwa valley

back to the den with full bellies to regurgitate for their pups: not lions.

A lion seems forever caught between independence and sociability: between selfish concerns and the pull of the pride. Mothers are known to abandon cubs to stay with the pride equally, mothers abandon the pride to care for cubs.

This was the case with the Pride of Twelve: we had to reassess their status when we discovered two mothers, each with two young — known forever as the Fubsy Cubs attended sometimes by a particularly beautiful and experienced female with no tip to her tail ("Auntie No-tip"). Sometimes, also, we found them with one or even two magnificent males.

THE Twelve was merely the core of the pride. There were splinter groups and individual concerns to complicate matters. The mothers and the Fubsy Cubs kept them-selves to themselves. The big males did as they chose occasionally turning up to share a kill with the Twelve: more often pursuing private concerns. For a male lion, private concerns are almost always protracted honeymoons of endless days and countless copulations.

Lions filled my mind for the months I lived in the valley: the subject of endless gossip; the stuff of dreams as they shook the camp at night with thundering roars.

The rains have begun now, and, for the lions, the time of glut is over. The Fubsy Cubs have grown and prospered, and already I long to see what the Twelve will be doing next season: no doubt the young males will be kicked out to fend for themselves, to become, years later, if they survive, strong enough to take over a pride of their own, and to spend their days in endless honeymoon.

Lions provided the lasting memory of the valley. I cannot forget the complications of that half-evolved social life — the constant dilemmas of a life that is caught forever between sociability and selfishness. But I left the valley and returned to the world of humankind - knowing I was rejoining a world caught forever in the same dilemma.

 Simon Barnes stayed with Savannah Trails, Luangwa National Park, Zambia, which can be contacted through

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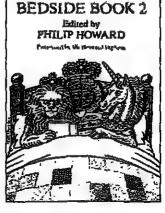
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FOOD SPY CHEESE

Listeria hysteria cools off

I HAVE been expecting since rather like influenza and, for midsummer an outbreak of most healthy people, listeriosis is listeria hysteria, but it has not come. In 1988, you remember, the dangers of listeriosis in soft cheese were presented as so desperate by the media that many people gave up eating soft cheeses altogether.

Others would eat only pasteurised soft cheeses, although most of the cases report-ed actually came from

pasteurised cheese. Between March and July this year there was a bad outhreak in France. with 105 cases of listeriosis identified and 24 deaths, three of whom were new-born infants. Six miscarriages also resulted. When listeria was hot news the tabloids would have gone wild at cheese across the Channel, and the serious press would have issued sober warnings. But we've had

other things on our minds this year, like the three Ms: Maastricht, Mellor and marriages (royal). So there have been few column inches and television time available for the bug known as listeria monocytogenes. The French outbreak was largely ignored in Britain.

The good news is that in this country listeriosis is declining. The better news for cheese fanatics is

that many of the reported cases are connected with shop-bought paté, not soft cheese. (Hard cheeses are safe, anyway.) I learn that the ongoing survey into listeriosis by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Colindale is finding pate behind many of the current cases.

In any case, the trend is down. In 1987, reported cases in England and Wales doubled. In 1988 they rose further to 291, since when they have fallen steadily; in the first half of this year there were just 47 cases. A sense of proportion is always important. The symptoms are

most healthy people, listeriosis is not dangerous. For old, weak people and those suffering other illnesses the infection can be fatal. In pregnant women it can cause miscarriage. (Official advice for all pregnant women is still to avoid soft cheeses and pate

But many of us are naturally immune from listeriosis, and better hygiene in the milking parlours and dairies is gradually making

soft cheese safer. What is not yet over is the pasteurised versus unpasteurised cheese war. Colindale still insists that pasteur-ised cheese is safer when it comes to listeriosis. So do the French health au-

lieves that the chill-

ing of milk after

pasteurisation is good news for the bug, "Refrigeration enriches listeria," he says.

The Rance doctrine goes on to

The followers of Major Pat do not keep their cheese in the fridge. "Keep it in a small meat

safe in a cool cupboard, or even

in the back of the garage," he

says. "Listeria won't flourish, and the cheese will taste better

anyway. And buy in small quantities."

FRANK JEFFERY

say that the acid balance of good raw milk kills the listeria bug, so

why pasteurise?

industry and celebrities — Jane Asher, Dirk Bogarde, Albert Finney, Felicity Kendal, Joan Plowright, Tom Stoppard and "a lot of minor actors". "We don't bow thorities. But a counter-force of cheese experts, led by Major Patrick Rance, provides tough opposition. Major Rance, auand scrape to any of them. They're treated just the same as anyone else." says Mrs Fry. "You did rush thor of the definitive French Cheese Book back to serve Albert Finney when you were going home the other day." Mr Fry reminds her. (Papermac. £12), is convinced that past-In fact Fry's customers all get a eurising milk actually encourages listeria monocyto-genes. "It doesn't kill all the listeria

first-class service. Mr Fry moves heaven and earth to track down out-of-season ingredients and delivers them to the doorstep (along with bacteria," he says. a bit of fish from the next door Some of them are fishmonger if they haven't time to merely stunned. pick it up). He sends them fruit when they're ill, flowers when they And because other kinds of bacteria have babies and, most obligingly of have been killed, the listeria bugs have a free run to breed." The major also be-

t is 5.30am and in a quiet corner of London's Chelsea

Green members of the Fry

family are setting up shop. Box after box of exotic fruit appears

from the van: fresh Medjool dates

from California, kumquats from

Israel, American strawberries, Ha-

waiian pineapples and mangoes,

and Jamaican ugli fruit.
Paul Fry, who has been up since

12.30am to get the pick of the market, starts to create the spectacular pavement display at the front

of the corner shop, while inside his

wife Maureen and son Colin

Each day the Frys spend up to

three hours setting up. Everything

is taken down the night before.

Nothing is put back unless it is in

perfect condition. Cauliflowers, let-

tuces and lecks are carefully

trimmed, peaches, nectarines and plums rigorously checked for the slightest blemish.

Fry's is a Chelsea institution,

greengrocers to the rich and fam-

ous. Customers include politicians

and judges, lords and ladies (and their cooks and butlers), captains of

replenish the shelves.

all, allows them to pay on tick.
"We're always paid eventually,"
says Mr Fry. "We only had one
customer let us down. We tried
everything. We found out she was
moving and managed to set hold moving and managed to get hold of her parents' address. We wrote saving we would have to take action if she didn't pay. Nothing.
"Eventually, we put a notice up in

the shop saying Would anyone knowing the whereabouts of Mrs X' - we named her - 'whose outstanding account of £700 hasn't been paid...' and we got the money in three weeks."

Mr Fry was brought up in a council flat in Bishop's Road, Fulham, left home at 15 and started work as a bacon hand and delivery boy for Hawkins the grocer in Wandsworth Bridge Road. He has now been in the trade for 33 years, running his own shop for the last 11. Business, he says, is not as

Fiona Beckett

discovers every-

thing from

cabbages to kiwano in a Chelsea

greengrocer's

brisk as it was. "Since the recession. a lot of our wealthy customers have cut down on their entertaining."

Fortunately, Fry's is one of the best. It's not just the breadth of the range, from white raspberries to nasturtium flowers, but the fact that on almost every line he offers a choice. On a typical day you can buy six different kinds of mushroom, nine varieties of potato, ten to 12 different types of salad leaf and two sorts of shallot.

"I will always take on something for the novelty, even if I lose money on it." says Mr Fry. "If people are giving a dinner party they like to be one up. If they've got a kiwano [a horned melon] on the table it's a bit of a conversation piece."

He is always prepared to pay a He is always prepared to pay a premium for taste. "We get air-freighted pineapples, which are more expensive, but they're not chilled and artificially held back. We stock vine-ripened insecticide-free tomatoes. They're expensive but they're good. A lot of fruit and vegetables don't taste of anything these days because they're refrigerthese days because they're refrigerated too much. With some winter tomatoes, if you shut your eyes, you can't tell what you're eating."

ustomers get honest advice about quality. "If they ask what the apples are like today, we don't just say lovely. If they're a bit tart or a bit soft we tell them. We always let our customers try things, unless it's something like a melon or pineapple. It might cost us 25p, but we want them to be satisfied. We want them to come back the day after."

In fact, prices are not sky-high: mangetout at £2 a lb; Kenya beans at £1.80; seedless grapes 60p; apples 30p; oranges five for 60p. "I'm not saying we're always cheap, but if you take a list of 20 basic items and compare us with the local supermarkets we'd be on a par or cheaper. We have old girls who come in just for an onion and a carrot. That's no problem. We realise it's difficult for people living

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Try before you buy: Maureen and Paul Fry's customers get honest advice — and a free taste first

10fl oz/275ml water 2pt/ i i 50ml mait vinegar 402/110g brown sugar 8 bay leaves, 4 cloves 4 heaped tsp coriander seeds 8 thin stices of treat ginger I lew small dried chillies 2 sticks of cinnamon, broken in half

Fruit, veg and nut case

Peel the onions by scalding them in

4 blades of mace

boiling water. The skins will slip off easily. Put them in a bowl and cover with the water in which you have dissolved the rock sait. Leave for 24 hours then drain, rinse and

Pack the onions into hot jars and cover with the cold vinegar into which you have mixed the brown sugar and spices. (If you like a vecter pickle, increase the sugar by one ounce). In each jar there

should be one or two bay leaves, a clove, a full teaspoon of cortander seeds, two slices of ginger, one or two chillies, half a stick of cinnsmon and a blade of mace.

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Beaujolais goes down well

Mixed reviews:

there are good glugs among

this year's vintage, says

Jane MacQuitty

nub 1992 beaujolais nouveau and you will miss out. Dragged down by the recession, devahiation and dark days, a light, fruity, uncomplicated glass of 1992 beaujolais nouveau is one of this winter's rare treats. Pedants and purists maintain that beautolais nouveau has had its day. The truth is that Thresher's recently doubled its early. '92 beaujolais nouveau orders at the request of its wine shop managers, Georges Dubocuf has sold more than double its 1991 total, and Sainsbury's will sell 2,000

extra cases this year. Apart from well-stocked shelves, the other good news is '92 beaujolais nouveau's keen price. Plenty of wines are under E3 a bottle this year, and even Joseph Drouhin's top-drawer Beaujolais-Villages

Nouveau is less than a fiver. What is remarkable about 1992 beaujolais nouveau is that it ever got made at all. This year's freak weather in Beaujolais threw hail, rain, floods, heavy humidity, sun and heat waves at the vines. Given this strange weather. 1992 beaujolais nouveau is, unsurprisingly, not the greatest nouveau year I have tasted. But those who vigorously thinned their grapes and picked early, before the rains, have made good wines. There was no rot. Above all, 1992 is the year of the professional specialists who have curtailed the excesses, avoided massive over-production and worked hard to give their wines

The 92 nouveau is less variable than the beaujolais men maintain. My blind tasting from high street outlets shows that this year's style is aromatic, light in alcohol and pale in colour, supple and reeking of plums and chemies. Not as tannic or exceptional as 1991, 1992's fault is a slight lack of zingy, mouthwatering



Good quality and a good price: Jane MacQuitty is impressed with the '92 vintage

nouveau acidity. Instead, it offers good, soft, uncomplicated gamay fruit that will be at best between now and Christmas. Santé.

STARS 1992 Beaujolais Nouveau.

E. Loron & Fils; Unwins E2.99, Fullers £3.69 Oodles of big, ripe, concentrated, earthy plum and therry fruit put Loron effortlessly ahead of the pack. Delicious, deep, creamy fruit and a darker crimson purple colour make this a nouveau to remember. Great value. 1992 Beaujoläis-Villages Nouveau, Joseph Drouhin; Vintage House, 42 Old

Compton Street, London, WI £4.60, La Vigneronne, 105 Old Brompton Road, London, SW7 £4.95, Stones of Belgravia, 6 Pont Street, London, SWI £5.25 Droubin's vibrant, elegant, juicy-fruit nouveau stood out. Zesty, mouthwatering and thus atypical for 1992. Drouhin will be especially

popular with true fans. SPECIAL AWARD ● 1992 Vin de Pays d'Oc Nouveau, Georges Duboeuf; Majestic Wine Warehouses

Not a beaujolais nouveau at But such a lively. gluggable, soft, cherry and

a place here. Good value.

RECOMMENDED 1992 Beaujolais Nouveau Georges Duboeuf; Sainsbury's £3.95. Augustus Barnett £3.99, Thresher & Davisons £4.49.

whose intense, rich musk and plum palate works well. 1992 St Michael Beaujo-lais Nouveau, Cellier des Samsons: Marks & Spencer £3.49.

1991's usual pale crimson-purple colour, but enlivened by plenty of full, perlivened lively, violet cherry and banana-like fruit.

RECOMMENDED 1992 Beaujolais Nouveau, Cuvée de la St Martin, Cave Coopérative Beaujolaise de Bully: Gateway £2.99 A pleasant, light, juicy, cherryscented nouveau with no faults, but a shade dull

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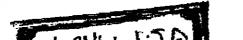
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DIANA LEADBETTE

Have a nice start to the day

Hearty Thanksgiving breakfasts from Frances Bissell, the Times cook



NOT a pumpkin, a cranberry or a turkey in the column today, although it is the Thanksgiving holiday in the United States next week. I shall use space

instead as an excuse to write about American breakfasts, partly with an eye to holidays there next year with, I hope occasions for a few

Breakfasts did not start off as lary meals. This year my husband, Tom, and I stayed near Brunswick in Maine, at the Harpswell Inn on Lookout Point, built in 1761 to be the cookhouse of the Lookout Point shipyard. We were woken before dawn by the clammers and lobstermen going off in their boats. They needed a Maine fisherman's breakfast much more than we did, but that is what our hosts, Susan and Bill Menz, served us a few hours later in the inn.

Along with the unlimited juice,

coffee and exquisite breakfast bakes of ginger muffins, we were served what the Maine fisherman eats before he goes to sea: a helping of corned beef hash, a heap of baked beans and an egg; the kind of dish that will keep you going all day. After breakfast, I went out to buy the baked beans to bring home with me cans of B&M Brick Oven Baked Beans, "baked for 7 hours", it says on the label. They were the only ones that would do, I was told in Brunswick. When I got back to England, I discovered that the Rosslyn Deli in London, NW3 has them, for £1.30 for a small can.

At the elegant Belmont Inn in Camden, Maine, breakfast was a different affair altogether. At the Harpswell all the B&B guests sat together at a long table, but here in the Belmont's conservatory, with classical music playing, we sat at small tables. Unlimited coffee was served, meion balls and mint for starters, and another beautiful breakfast cake, this time "bishone" bread", a streusel cake with sour cream under the topping. The main course was a Finnish pancake, baked in the oven. It was

light in texture but very tich, topped with sour cream, fresh blue-

berries and a dusting of icing sugar.

At the Union Square Cafe in New York, we are home-smoked trout and salmon with scrambled eggs, one of the best late breakfast dishes. At home, I like to serve it with split croissants, hollowed out brioches, or toasted bagels. Cream cheese and sliced smoked salmon is a tasty combination at any time.

One breakfast time at Colette's, on LA's Wilshire Boulevard, I ord-ered this, and it came in a novel form. Easy to do at home, if somewhat time-consuming and costly, it is worth doing for a special occa-sion. Line a loaf tin with chingfilm and then line it with slices of smoked salmon. Fill the mould with alternative layers of cream cheese and smoked salmon. Press down overnight, and then turn out and slice thinly. It will go a long way. But first, here is my version of an American breakfast using British

greatems.	
Smoked haddock hash	•
(serves 4)	
1-14 lb/455-680g firm, waxy	

2tbsp olive oil i amail onion or shallot, peeled and finely chopped (optional)

1-2thep finely chopped parsley 4 free-range eggs

Peel and dice the potatoes very small; coarsely grate, or use the julienne blade of the food processor. Blot off excess moisture. Use a wok, saute pan or frying pan to cook the hash. Heat the oil, and add the potatoes and onion, if using, and cook gently until the potatoes are almost cooked. Meanwhile, skin and dice the fish; add it to the pan with a little more oil and the parsley. Stir to mix well, and raise the heat slightly. Allow the fish to cook for a minute or two, and then make four depressions in the mixture, and slide a raw egg into each: out on the lid, and allow the eggs to cook in the steam and the fish to finish cooking. When the



eggs are just set, divide the mixture into four in the pan, and slide the portions on to heated plates.

An alternative method of cooking this is to spoon the almostcooked mixture into an oven-proof dish or individual dishes, slide in a naw egg, and bake in the oven. A spoonful of soured cream over the egg yolk will prevent it hardening.

(serves 6-8)

The bash 2lb/900g leather steak or flank steak, coarsely minced or finely

l onion, peeled and finely chopped (optional) 3tbsp olive al 1-2tsp concentrated tomato purée or sun-dried tomato paste

dash of Angostura bitters I tap Worcestershire sauce

140ml water or stock 2-3lb/900g-1.35kg firm, waxy

4 free-range eggs

using, in half the olive oil. Stir in the tomato purée, the bitters and the Worcestershire sauce. Add about 4 pt/ 140ml water or stock, and simmer, partially covered, until the meat is render and well

The meat can, of course, be cooked the day before required, since I am sure the dish evolved as a combination of leftovers. It can be flavoured with a bay leaf or two, or a sprig of thyme or oregano. Scrub and par-boil the potatoes; again, this is a task that can be done in advance. Peel when cool enough to handle, and dice very small. Fry them in the remaining olive oil, and when they are cooked and nicely browned, combine the meat and potatoes.

Poach or fry free-range eggs, and serve with the hash, or bake the eggs in a dish of hash, as described in the previous recipe.

Do not forget to serve with baked peans; the best you can buy or bake. Judge the quantity according to

(serves 6-8) Darjeeling, Earl Grey or truit is already very sweet.

l cinnamon stici piece of numneg seeds of 6 cardamom pods 5 days

6 black peppercorns 6 allspice berries

1lb/455g dried fruit, apricots, pears, peaches, apples, prunes, figs, blueberries, etc maple syrup, honey or sugar, to

Make a pot of tea, using about 2pt/1.151 water, and let it infuse for five minutes. Put the spices in a saucepan. Strain the tea over them. and simmer for ten minutes. Peel the zest from the orange and lemon, and put it, with the dried fruit, in a large bowl. Squeeze the orange and lemon juice into the bowl. Pour the hot spiced tea over the fruit, spices and all, and leave tea, if necessary. Before serving, taste and sweeten if you think it needs it, but keep in mind that the

Dried apricot multime (makes 12) 4 lb/1 10g superfine whole

315p baking powder freshly grated nutrnes 30z/85g light or dark muscova

1 free-range egg, lightly beaten 8fl oz/230ml buttermilk, or a

mixture of yoghurt thinned down with water or skinmed milk 4 lb/110g chopped, dried apricots

Grease 12 bun tins or paper cases. Sift the flours together and then sift with the rest of the dry ingredients. Mix the butter and egg with the liquid, and stir into the dry ingredients. Do not over-mix. Stir in the dried fruit.

Fill the greased tins or cases

about two-thirds full. Bake in a pre-heated oven at 200C/400F, gas mark 6 for 20 to 25 minutes, until risen and golden brown.

This is not unlike a Finnish pancake, and is easy to make. Bake it in individual dishes or a larger oven-proof dish to serve at the table. For six people, mash six or eight ripe (not spoilt) bananas with a little sugar, and season with nutmeg or cinnamon. Beat in three or four tree-range egg yolks. I thep of sitted flour and 4 pt/140ml single cream or milk. Whisk the egg whites, and fold into the benana mixture. Spoon into a generously buttered oven-proof dish, and bake until puffed up and golden brown, 12-20 minutes, depending on the depth of the dish. Serve hot. Maple syrup and thick plain yoghurt are

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Entertaining at home

Cut the small talk and start eating

Taki Theodoracopules: As a Greek male, I'm not in the least interested in cooking. But I enjoy entertaining my friends, so when I'm in London for any length of time I'll have a dinner party, although since I turned the dining room of my Cadogan Square house into my study, this means it will be in the kitchen.

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ln London I use two freelance chefs who cook the kind of food I like: light and fresh. I enjoy Italian food, and salads.

I don't enjoy formality, but a certain degree of grace can be achieved by filling the drawing room with vases of flowers, preferably yellow, sunny flowers. I wouldn't serve cocktails, too complicated! Champagne is good for any occasion.

There will be some sort of starter already on the table, and then we'll have a dish like a risotto, served with mixed poppadoms and a green salad, perhaps, and ending up with a light dessert like a mousse.

In New York, where everyone eats out at restau-rants all the time, it's especially nice to entertain at home. My wife Alexandra (the Austrian Princess Alexandra Schoenburg might arrange a dinner with my friend Norman Mailer, say, or someone who is such a celebrity that he finds it hard to eat in

In Greece, I like to enterpastas, risottos and salads.

Another thing. I don't enjoy pre-dinner small talk. So my ideal thing is to appear just before dinner is served - fresh from the shower and hungry for conversation - without having to go through the dreary warming-up period during the drinks session. Taki's favourite curried chicken risotto

20z unsalted butter 2 medium onions, peeled 2-3 sticks celery, chopped 12oz long grain rice l thep mild carry paste 14 pt of chicken stock

szit, pepper 5oz frozen pezs the cooked chicken, diose 3thsp Greek yoghurt

chopped parsley 3 tomatoes, sidmed, desceded, chopped 30z grated Gruyère cheese

Melt butter in large pan, add onions; fry over moderate heat till transparent; add celery, fry for two minutes, add rice and curry paste. Cook, stirring continuously, for further two to three minutes. Add chicken stock, salt and pep-per and simmer for 20 minutes, until most of the liquid is absorbed. Do keep stirring intermittently to stop it sticking to the bottom of the pan. Add peas, cooked chicken, then yoghurt and chopped parsley. Just before serving add

tomatoes and cheese.

Interview by Joy Billington

tain on my yacht, with



Proof of the pudding

Get ready for Stir-up Sunday with the famed

Times recipe he collect for tomorrow.

the Sunday before Advent, includes the words: "Stir up we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded." Tradition has it that cooks would rush home from morning service, having been reminded to make the Christmas pudding, and it has long been known as Stir-up Sunday. So in time for Stir-up Sunday, here is my Christmas pudding recipe again.

The only fat comes from the egg yolks, and the only sugar from the dried fruits, the small amount of marmalade or cardied peel and the fortified

The pudding is high in fibre from the wholemeal bread-crumbs and the dried fruit. It is also absolutely delicious, full of rich flavour and moistness but not at all heavy. And because it contains prunes, it can claim to be an authentic plum pudding. I have a second-hand, much

annotated copy of the original The Times Cookery Book, published in 1960. Next to the Christmas pudding recipe the book's owner has noted the cost of ingredients for the 7lb pudding mixture. In 1960 the pudding cost 29s 3d (about £1,46) and in 1961, 26s 8d, or the equivalent of about 16p per pound. Perhaps it doesn't do to dwell on such things.

Frances Bissell's Christmas pudding (serves 8-10) 802/230g fresh wholemea

Soz/230g roughly chopped moscatel raisins 802/230g roughly chopped sultanas

802/230g roughly chopped dried apricos 40z/110g stoned chopped 202/60g crumbled almond

acaroons or Italian amaretti

20x/60g chopped almonds

20s/60g ground or flaked

The genuine plum pudding: moist and not at all heavy - but possibly illegal

I peeled and grated apple itbsp grated orange zest l tsp ground cianamon tsp ground mace ≥ tsp ground cardamoon 2 tsp cloves

spice اله طعاط 2thsp orange marmalade or candied orange peel juice of 1 small orange 4 size 3 eggs

miniature bottle of brandy 4 pt/140ml fortified muscat wine, port, marsala or oloroso sherry

Put all the dry ingredients in a large bowl, and mix thoroughly, either with a large wooden spoon or your hands. Put the marmalade, orange juice, eggs, brandy and wine in another large bowl or in a blender or food processor, and beat until well blended and frothy. Pour the liquid over the dry ingredients. Mix again until the mixture is moist. Cover and let it stand for a couple of hours at least, and, if possible, overnight to let the spice flavours develop. Oil or

butter the pudding basin or

basins (the mixture fills a 3pt/ 1.75l basin), and spoon in the mixture. As the pudding contains no raw flour, it will not expand much during cooking. and you can fill the mixture to within 2.25cm of the rim. Take a large, square greaseproof paper, oil or butter it, and tie it over the top of the pudding basin with string.

pan, standing it on a long triple strip of foil to help you lift the hot basin out of the saucepan once cooked. Pour in boiling water to reach halfway up the pudding basin, cover the saucepan, and bring it back to the boil. Lower the heat, keep water at a steady simmer, and steam the pudding for five hours. Make sure the water is kept topped up. When the pudding is cooked, remove it from the pan and allow it to cool completely before wrapping it in fresh greaseproof paper and foil.

 SOME people think Christ-mas pudding should be ille-gal. Good news for them: it is. Oliver Cromwell decreed that plum puddings were "abominable idolatrous things to be avoided by Christians", and one of his statutes, never formally repealed, provided that people could be fined or imprisoned for eating or mak-Place the basin in a sauceing them. Christmas pudding's origins are hazy, but it is likely to have derived from

rants, prunes and spices were added, and it was served in a tureen like a soup. No British law now dictates what ingredients a Christmas pudding may contain, but a French coroner did once demand that safety standards should be imposed. He had just ruled that a family of three had succumbed to the When you want to serve it. fumes of an English Christsteam for a further two hours. mas padding.

plum pottage or plum por-ridge, a fearful concoction of

mutton broth thickened with

brown bread. Raisins, cur-

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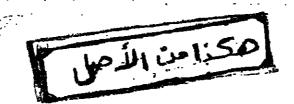
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Are we past the coming of age?

There is no clear definition of our passage to adulthood, James Henderson writes

could have married at 16, but wasn't allowed to buy a can of cider in an off-licence until I hit 18. The freedom to drive off into the sunset came at 17, but real independence of mind took many years. So when do we come of age? In many cultures it is clearly defined. You are dragged off from the childhood play-area to join the men or women, and they reveal the mystic rites and secrets of the tribe to you. In a money-based society, such as ours, the closest we have to this initiation is probably the first visit to the bank manager.

Older readers may remember receiving the key to the door at 21. Perhaps paying your first union dues was your big adult moment, or being presented as a deb at Queen Charlotte's ball. Either way, coming of age is not what it was: and we reach it younger and younger, due to an increasingly sophisticated adolescent

The state, an overgrown equiva-lent of the tribe, is quite clear on the matter, though. You get your majority when you turn 18. You become a fully paid-up member of the economic system and you can have your rights, and duties, like everyone else. You can pay taxes and you can drink in the pub. They pop a voting card in the post for you. There you are: you're a man. Thanks, you think; now what?

My eighteenth birthday party had none of the significance of a physically rigorous initiation cere-mony. It was certainly a far cry from being an ancient Roman: my mother did not call me in, give me a sword and a shield and send me off to prove myself.

There is no clear transition to warrior and eventually to wise man for today's Briton, and there are no instructions about what to do in your newly acquired personhood (the differences in rights and responsibilities between the sexes, in the workplace for instance, have been steadily eroded). One school of thought maintains that the absence of a clearly defined separation from the mother figure is the root of many later problems in human relations. A warrior without out to be a lifelong struggle - the

a clear role seems rather sterile, and could end up with a complex.

You no longer need to be physically strong to support the family and defend it; nor need you venture out and fell an antelope with your bare hands. The chequebook will do. The war ethos is still knocking around the national subconscious - the tribe may have to call on it eventually — but, generally speaking. 20th-century Brits are sedentary, and the excess of testosterone sluicing in the veins must be channelled in other

Modern warriors found their expression in the 1980s. What a time to come of age (I was 18 in 1980). It was a brave new world all right, and fighters (men or women) could carve a path for themselves. There was the cut and thrust of the dealing room, and expense ac-counts that were wielded as bludgeons. The key to the door was just

as likely to be the key to the GTi.
I score therefore I am - otherwise, in testosterone terms, you're a big girl's blouse. Even the vocabulary of war has crept in, with aggressive marketing strategies and corporate raiding. But man as telephone warrior, confined to expressing his virility by being fastest off from the traffic lights? Somehow it didn't answer my questions about impending manhood.

or all the schoolboy cynicism, other societies do not necessarily have any better answers in an overcrowded world. Just imagine the burden of having to be macho all the time. Some South American proto-women know exactly where they stand when they are presented to the world at the age of 15. Officially they are ready to be mated: they are on the market and have no choice. Their brothers can look forward to being led off to the brothel by their

Perhaps the loss of virginity is a form of coming of age. It certainly changes your perspective, but after the distortions of the changing room and furtive whispering, it is also an initiation into what can turn





Proving themselves: Roman gladiators fought bloody battles, but for modern warriors there is the cut and thrust of the dealing room and expense accounts wielded as bludgeons

battle of the sexes. Again, the terminology of war creeps into sexual relations; the talk is of conquest and strategy. An erogenous zone might even be an obscure part of a battlefield.

Leaving home is a significant step on the path to fully fledged adulthood. The navel string is finally severed and the wide world looms ahead. Today it means finding for received to live and fending for yourself. In times past there was a brutal certainty about it; maiden was married off to

become woman and raise a family. For surplus males there were other plans. Go West Young Man! At least while there was still

territory to conquer. There may have been compelling reasons for the dispersal — young lions are turned out of the pride when they become a threat to the dominant male - but travel is a recurrent theme of the passage to manhood. Australian Aborigines go walk-about, braving a harsh desert. And, though the Danes are a peaceable bunch nowadays, their ancestors are still famed for their rites of passage, when aspiring Vikings were expected to join one seaborne raid of rape and pillage.

More recently the most fortunate. Brits would complete their education on the Grand Tour, a spin around European culture to make

them rounded men and women. Nowadays there's little left in the way of exploration — wherever you go you'll find a documentary crew has beaten you to it - but it still exposes you to the inequalities of the world and helps to mould the

Your first job, of course, is an important moment in coming of age, as you move from the novinate age, as you move to in the novinate
to the "morally responsible adult",
as the anthropologists would have
it. There is no real separation and
re-incorporation into the tribe, but
undoubtedly it makes a person
more confident to trip off in a new suit and master the skills of modern hunter-warrior. Soon you can look

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forward to your first mortgage. Passage to 20th-century man and womanhood has its difficulties, and is quite likely to set you on course

Perhaps it would have been easier being a warrior, with a ceremony to mark the passage - a dousing in blood or a public whipping to show that the new man can suffer pain in silence and with it a clearly defined idea of your place in society. But it is precisely the idea of being put in your place that has been broken

This is the century of the individual, so today people are expected to

hood or womanhood. The basic key to adulthood is surely financial independence. This means the acceptance that you are a tiny, insignificant player in the agro-industrial complex. Coming of age. though, must be more than merely graduation to dutiful consumer.

In times past a boy may not have come of age unless he went to war, but I'm glad I was not expected to find full expression with an AK-47. instead, life will be at the controls of the mahogany bomber (a desk, to a few jaded souls who still crave adverture). For all the limitations of the 20th century, I can only hope that the word processor really is mightier than the sword.

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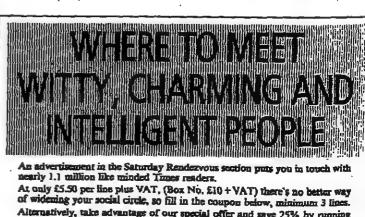
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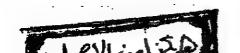
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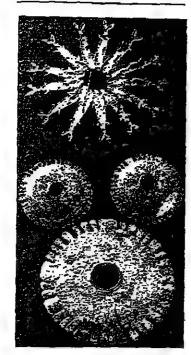
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Suffolk packs a punch

Robin Young finds out why an East Anglian society has become

synonymous with craft excellence



Old favourites: Holly Belsher akes cast jewellery with a primitive feel to it. Her andio is now in Bristol

uffolk has to be the crafties county in the kingdom. If you doubt my word, take that of Lord Palumbo, chairman of the Arts Council, who has written the foreword for the current directory of the Suffolk Craft Society: "This new directory", he writes, "is the best possible way of telling more people why they should pause before they waste money on an object that is poorly designed or badly made. I commend it highly to all those who have an eye or an instinct for

Lord Palumbo has already put his money where his mouth is. He commissioned his hammock, "that most soothing of objects, begutifully woven, sturdy but linhe", from one of the society's 150 members, Jan Hopkins of Hadleigh, who more usually weaves woollen rugs. Her other unusual commissions have included providing tapestries for a barrister's office in Inswich.

The Arts Council chairman has also invested in a bowl from another Suffolk Craft Society member, Stephen Broadley, a wood turner from Denton who specialiswood, buying whole tree trunks so

that he can select the best natural features in the wood for his pieces. made chopping boards for Hammond Innes, the author, and gavels

for Phillips, the auction house. In most counties craft, as in "craft fair" or "craft sale", is a dread word, threatening barns full of artless and nasteless tat. In Suffolk, though, the



Quality collection: patchwork quilt by Philippa Bergson; chair by John Barrett; stool by David Gregson; basket by Will Berry; sweaters by Caroline Sullivan; rugs by Charmaine Keep; jacket and waistcoat by Anita Faithfull; rolled blind by Jacky Linney; scarves by Annabel Ridley

only by submitting examples of work for inspection by the existing members, so that they can judge "Sometimes the standard of newcomers' work makes older members buck their own ideas up," says John Brown, the society's press

At this year's selection meeting there were 27 new applicants for most rigorous of professional stan-membership, but only 16 managed

dards apply. Membership of the Suffolk Craft Society can be earned required to be accepted as full members. This, society veterans said, was "a good year". In some past years the rejection rate has

As a result of this insistence upon the highest level of skills, celebrity patronage is quite commonplace for Suffolk Craft Society members: John Barrett of Yoxford made the chairs and music stands for the Aldeburgh Foundation's Snape Mainings concert hall, and fur-

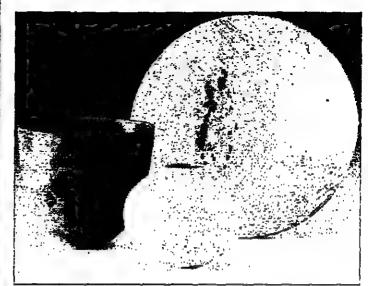
nished a "floating" staircase for the designer Michael Peter's London house; Jill Essery of Bury St Edmunds quilted and embroi-dered the jacket the author and life American publicity tour; and Frank Muir had his visitors' book rebound by Sheila Charrington of Layer Marney Tower, and commissioned a mirror framed in mabogany and ebony from Robert Townshend of Middleton, near Saxmundham.

One of the most regular customers is the novelist Ruth Rendell. who is now, appropriately, the society's patron. She says:
"No one who visits my Suffolk miss the pieces that are distinctively the work of the Suffolk Craft

They include a campaign chair in dazzling patchwork by Sonia Brown of Ipswich, a unique set of gold jewellery by Holly Belsher, whose studio is now in Bristol, a



Flower bowl: Michelle Ohlson specialises in decorative clocks, mirrors and bowls, richly coloured in blues, pinks and purples



Natural shine: Stephen Broadley of Denton, Norfolk.

garden fountain by Alice Palser of Uggeshall, a batik wallhanging by Stanley Crosland from Halesworth, and a collection of brilliantly glazed earthenware by Michelle Ohlson, who now works in Cheltenham. An Ohison clock, midnight blue with applied floral decoration and golden hands, even inspired a Rendell short

Miss Rendell reckons to have bought about half her Christmas presents some years at the annual Christmas shop stocked with members' work. This year, though, sne should have little difficulty taking the proportion even higher, for the society is taking more space than

rom Monday more than 100 of the society's members, including baskermakers, calligraphers, potters, cabinet-makers, glassblowers, musical instrument makers, mosaicists and sculptors, will be exhibiting at the Bury St Edmunds art gallery, Market Cross. They will be joined by a score or so from the Norfolk Contemporary Craft Society in an exhibition called Crafts are Fun for Christmas.

The Suffolk Society's annual summer exhibition at the Aldeburgh Festival this year attracted 15,000 visitors and, despite the managed to achieve record sales.

The Christmas exhibition will be more than twice as big, and continues until December 19, while the members' shop run in conjunction with the show will continue trading until 5pm on December 23.



Original: Alice Palser hand-builds individual sculptures at her studio in Uggeshall, near Beccles

 Crafts are Fun for Christmas will take The Market Cross. Exhibition Nov 23-Dec 19: shop Nov 23-Dec 23. Mondays to Saturdays 10am-5pm, admission Living Crafts in Suffolk, the Suffolk Craft Society directory, is available from the society at Fairfield House South, Saxmundham, IP17 IAX, 54,25 including P&P. The Craft Council, 44a Pentonville Road, London NI 9BY (071-278 7700), can advise about the activities of other craft societies.

London's arty street party

Next weekend is 'open house' in

the Cork Street

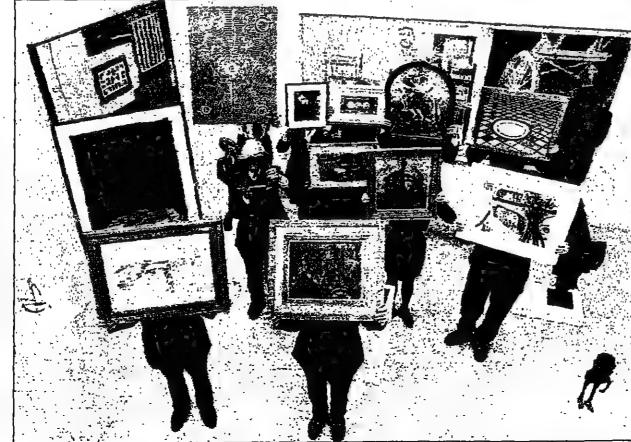
galleries

Ver since the 1930s, Cork Street in London W1 has been the country's mecca of contemporary art. Nowadays, in the space of 100 yards, the visitor has a choice of 16 galleries to browse

But British people tend to shy away from Cork Street, fearing its clinical white walls, the cut-glass accents of its gallery girls and even the art. No wonder the dealers reserve their red-carpet treatment for rich clients, who have usually flown in from abroad. Next weekend, however, the dealers of Cork Street are giving us a chance to redeem ourselves. instead of closing sharp at lunchtime on Saturday, all 16 galleries will remain open until 6pm on Sunday. The sudden hospitality may

have something to do with the current monbund market (Leslie Waddington, doyen of the street, has just announced he has written down the value of his stock by 20 per cent from £45 million to £36 million. and declared a trading loss of £2 million). The result, however, offers an unbeatable survey of contemporary art, at prices from a few hundred pounds to

On the sublime end of the scale are the abstract stripe paintings by Sean Scully at Waddington. Something of a hero among contemporary artists, Scully was recently in the news decrying the collector Charles Saatchi for offloading a quantity of paintings by him. This impressive exhibition



Meeting at the modern mecca: Cork Street galleries display their wares, from the abstract to the ridiculous

shows how he triumphed over this humiliation.

The ridiculous is represented by holograms and paintings by Alexander at the Cooling Gallery, opposite. Here, collectors can acquire a limited-edition miniature hologram of Christ for their living-room (£750), or a pretentious abstract painting called A Ritual Dance of the City and the Land entailing drips, a feather and a pile of pebbles attached to a blank carryas (E1,000). Somewhere

in the middle comes a giant prancing hare by Barry Flanagan, one of a stable of such bronze sculptures which Mr Waddington says he has been shifting at a great rate since lowering his prices (but only to overseas buyers).

There are mixed shows of American contemporary art at the Dennis Hotz gallery, and of 20th-century British figurative art at the Mercury. Redfern and Piccadilly galleries. The Raab Galiery will offer an overview of contempo-

rary European art, including artists such as the Glaswegian Ken Currie, the German A.R. Penck and the Italian Mimmo Paladino, while the William Jackson Gallery and Richmond Gallery has a line-up of 'Young Contemporaries". such as Ivor Davies and Althea Wilson.

Even when the hush descends on Cork Street again, it will never again be quite so hallowed after the arrival next Friday of Atrium Art Bookshop at number five. Run

by a trio of young women led by Shaunagh Heneage, and offering art books, postcards and seating space for browsers, Arrium promises to become a centre for lively exchange, not to mention art world gossip. "People can just buy a postcard, in order to pay for their half-hour's browse," Miss Heneage says.

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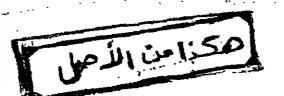
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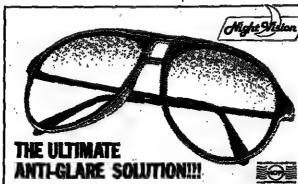
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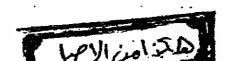
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Penelope Dening on the smell of the greasepaint and other joys of

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before Agincourt.

A West End premiere? No. Until a few hours ago the members of this particular company were busy teaching, hairdressing, diagnosing, advising clients, pulling teeth.

There are an estimated 17,000 amateur theatre groups in Britain, ranging from the equivalent of the Ambridge players, with their once-a-year Christmas panto, to the 65strong Little Theatre Guild, whose standards and repertoire are as high as any in the country, but whose names barely rate a blip on theatre-going consciousness.

Gwen Taylor, one of the most talented actresses on British stage or screen, is currently starring in Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf at the West Yorkshire Playhouse in Leeds (last night tonight). Best known for what she calls her "Crimpiene queen" roles. Taylor finds the public's generally disparaging view of "am dram" incom-prehensible. Her involvement in theatre began with the Marlowe Players in Derby. "I never enjoyed acting as much as when I was an amateur. It was incredibly exhilarating, and there was none of that pressure of thinking how is it going to affect my career? No matter how successful you get as a professional. the pleasure is always tempered by wondering how the critics will

People get involved with amateur theatre for all sorts of reasons, for companionship, to show off. When I first joined I was very shy, unhappily married, and I totally undervalued myself. Then I found myself in this wonderful warm, family atmosphere. Every production has a unique exc There's never a sense of tust

To Dalkey in co. Dublin, the

small town by the sea where I

grew up. I once thought it was the most boring spot on earth.

but now I am a mature person I realise that it is a great place. How would you get there? By plane to Dublin and then by

In the lovely little house we bought 12 years ago. It is 101 years old and full of sunlight.

Gordon Snell, writer, friend and

What essential piece of clothing

in theory I am meant to have

everything there, but I keep

taking the same three jackets

and the same comfortable shoes

l am always so optimistic. I pack

sun-tan cream and mosquito

I would stop at a fish shop on the

way home from the airport and stock up. or go to one of the 12

gourmet restaurants around. Dalkey. When I was a child there

What would you have to drink?

Which books would you take to

Anything I hadn't read by

Elmore Leonard, John Gris-ham, Fay Weldon or William

What music would you listen to?

Carmina Burana by Carl Orff

and the Uileann pipes played by

Old gangster movies, starring

Edward G. Robinson or Hum-

What huxury would you take?

A big drum of expensive talcum

powder with a powder puff in it.

so that you par it on rather than

What piece of art would you like

A bronze sculpture by John

What souvenir would you bring

Irish cheese, which is now terrif-

ic, and packets of soda bread mix

which I buy at Dublin airport.

What would you watch on

A lot of very cold Australian

What would you have to caff

Who would be your perfect

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Where would you stay?

or kit would you take?

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Enough rope to hang themselves: director Jack Wood watches members of the Barn Theatre in Welwyn Garden City make final adjustments to a set for Tom Jones

another show. Even the audience have a proprietorial involvement they know the cast or recognise somebody's sideboard. And there's so much scope for doing what you're good at. If you enjoy painting you could end up doing a riew from a window or faking a

In fact, acrors represent just the tip of the iceberg. Membership of the larger amateur companies can run to five or six hundred but, of those, only 100 are interested in actually appearing on stage.

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in Hastings, the best teacher in

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MY PERFECT WEEKEND

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Writer

Money is generated through mem-bership, ticket sales and profits from the bar. Specialised theatre skills relating to lighting, sound and acting are passed down through succeeding generations of the keen and willing; but other, less esoteric talents are the bedrock of a company's success, from money magicians skilled in the manipula tion of loaves and fishes, to DIY enthusiasts of Noah-like stamina and invention. The visually creative handle sets and posters; the ebullient and gregarious staff front-of-house: hoarders and collectors manage set dressing and props.

Whatever the area of involvement, enthusiasm counts for more than experience. It's a generous world with none of the star hierarchy that can sour professional theatre. Above all, amateur theatre is fur.

Shan Fisher, marketing manager for Whiteleys, the hugely suc-cessful shopping mall in Bayswater, west London, joined the Barn years ago, "probably because I had just moved here and saw it as a way of meeting like-minded people."

he says having such a pressurised job can be a problem. "I can be still in a meeting at 6.30pm in London knowing that my rehearsal in Hertfordshire starts at 8pm. Sometimes I feel I'm trying to juggle 25 balls in the air at a time, but it's always worth it." Rehearsal periods differ but usu-

ally last around two months. They fill two or three evenings a week plus Sunday afternoons, until the week before the show opens, when

The Barn is fairly typical of highprofile amateur theatres. Its programme of nine plays each season (which runs from September to May) is selected from members suggestions, the committee's aim being remarkably similar to a commercial management's, that is to achieve a balance between popular plays and more stimulating work, the familiar and the

As the recession continues to bite, casts in the professional theatre get smaller and smaller. There are no such constraints in the amateur world, and with only the RSC and the National Theatre companies now able to enjoy the luxury of experiment or large-scale revival, "am dram" is poised to break

through the credibility gap.

Martin South, a 30-year-old solicitor, joined the Tower Theatre in Islington, north London, eight years ago. "The great plus of being an amateur is that you can explore every area of theatre. I've designed sets, directed, and even chaired the management committee." For the Tower's recent production of Nicholas Nickleby, as well as playing the lead, he designed the poster. In this year's panto he'll be playing bass

Standards clearly differ, but Mr South believes you should always start locally. "People tend to gravitate to their own level and in a small company, if you're good, you'll soon be taking on more responsibility and gaining invaluable experience."

After a couple of years with the fairly traditional Marlowe players, Gwen Taylor moved on to an avant-garde theatre-in-the-round, whose repertoire was more Pirandello and Brecht than Ayckbourn and Coward. "Whether you're acting or making costumes, you've got to feel comfortable," she says. "You



Backstage enthusiasts: Shirley and David Shaw tackle lighting and sound for the new production

Gambon, Bob Hoskins, Donald

Sinden, Tom Courtney, lan

McKellen and Kenneth Branagh.

For a year or so after leaving

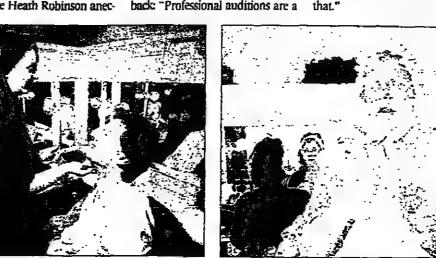
university, Ms Fisher acted profes-

sionally, but she would never go

might be more at home with musicals. It's just like finding a doctor or physiotherapist, you've got to shop around, to find a company that's right for you."

The word amateur is burdened these days with connotations of the half-hearted and half-baked. To some degree amateur theatre relishes this "pink string and sealing wax" view, where family heirlooms are appropriated as props, scenery falls over and an unclaimed tea trolley may be cannibalised as a coffin for the next show. But beneath the Heath Robinson anecdotes lies an evangelical faith in the cattle market, a hideous experience, value of live theatre, with training but in amateur theatre you're but in amateur thearre you're encouraged, you're helped. And if by professionals and a commitment to new writing central to the ethos. you don't get a part it doesn't maner. You don't stop eating, you And for those who do long for the limelight, it's nor the dead end it can still pay the mortgage." Above all, there's the opportunity might at first appear. Actors who started this way include Michael Williams, Jonathan Pryce, Michael

of great parts. A couple of years ago Ms Fisher played Maggie in Tennessee Williams's Cat on a Hot Tin Roof. And she is about to audition for Beatrice in Much Ado About Nothing. As she says: "You can spend your life in the professional theatre and never get to do



First nighters: Alan Southgate is made up as Tom Jones, while Bridget Allworthy tries to stay calm

Information on amateur theatre



The regional outfits below will provide details to interested parties of groups in their area and are prepared to chat and be helpful. The Linle Theatre Guild covers the whole country and its members are - or consider themselves - the premier league of amateur

Little Theatre Guild of Great Britain Marjorie Havard. 19 Abbey Park Road. Great Grimsby, DN32 OHJ (0472 343424).

Scottish Community Drama Association Maggie Gordon. 5 York Place. Edinburgh EH 1 3EB (03 1-557 5552).



Drama Festivals Beth Duffin. 284 Crogagh Road, Belfast (0960 340984). ☐ All English Theatre Festival

Daphne Squire, 11 Hamboro Gardens, Leigh on Sea, Essex SS9 2NR (0702 75676). ☐ Drama Association of

Wales The Library. Singleton Road. Splott, Cardiff. South Glamorgan CF2 2ET (0222 452200). Specialist magazine:

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WHAT TO WEAR



Taming the style of the wild ones

hursday, midnight:
two motorbikes. a
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99 and a Triumph
Bonneville. cruise across
London towards Covent Garden's Tongue Kung Fu club.
Tara and Kate slip off the
pillion seats and the riders
park up the machines, manoeuvring them into a line of
other bikes, and remove their
lids. Pausing twice to admire
particularly rare specimens,
they all join a queue of other
club-goers. Everyone is dressed
in combinations of black leath-

er and denim.

These are not serious "bikers", but all like to imagine they have just a drop of Hell's Angels blood flowing through their veins. Jumping into leathers at the end of a long day at work is a way of expressing their "wild" side. For some, bikes symbolise romance and rebellion, however stylised. They evoke film role models such as Jack Nicholson aboard a Harley Davidson in Easy Rider. Marion Brando as a moody motorcycle gang leader in The Wild One; and Marianne Faithful zipped into her all-in-one designer leathers in Girl on a Motorcycle.

Our "gang" met earlier at the Black Bull in Fulham. grabbed a burger in Ed's Diner, and is now heading for clubs where leather is as de rigueur as a dark suit in Annabel's. "The excitement is not just the bikes, but the whole dressing up thing," says Ben. a solicitor, whose general man-ner suggests that he would be just as happy having dinner with clients at Kensington Place. These people are not authentic bikers of the moustaches, oil-stained hands and a tin of tobacco in the back pocket variety; these are the Biker Chic, and the way they look is at least as important as the bike they ride. In short, the

image counts.

"I like the look, but it is also practical from a safety point of view," says Mark, an artist.

"My leathers will stop me cutting myself to ribbons if I come off. It's the same with my gloves. I'd freeze if I didn't

Next stop is Quiet Storm in Ormond Yard, where it appears that everyone is that bit more smartly dressed; high heels (the mark of style over safety) are more in evidence here, and the music is more Right Said Fred than REM. Tars works in advertising and is passionate about her boyfriend's Triumph. "Japanese bikes are more reliable, but for me it has to be a British bike," she says. "They seem more

Biker Chic has more to do with gear than gears, says Victoria Pyman: think leather, buy a bandana and listen to 'Leader of the Pack'

authentic. Harleys are beautiful, but they've become a fashion statement, bought by investment bankers to put in the garage next to the Porsche."

The high point of Tara's week is Friday night. Then she and her fellow bikers congregate on Battersea Bridge by the entrance to the park and "just hang out, it's kinda wild and great to be with people from all walks of life with one common bond. Some of the bikes there are killers, one guy comes on

a different bike every week."

Tara is not just an enthusiast, she is a fanatic, who hought her first pair of leather jeans when she was 15.

Variations on the biker's

Variations on the biker's uniform are subtle. The colour of the bandana or the name on the back of the jacket appear to be the extent of the diversity. Shirts are either checked or denim, with leather or denim waistcoats, and as many layers of black T-shirts as can be squeezed on underneath (for winter warmth). Silver and

copper bracelets abound, rings are unisen and important, and leather thongs wound around the wrist seem essential.

It is twenty to three. Kate and Mark are heading down to the bage! bar in Brick Lane. "We always wind up there. The bagels are so great and it's a nice ride down there at this time of night." Ben and Tarathink they'll stay for a while and maybe look in at The Ministry of Sound in Elephant and Castle on their way back. It am going home to my bed, and then to American Classics first thing in the morning.

• Ministry of Sound, 103 Gaunt Street, London SEI 6DP (071-378 0528); Quiet Storm, 6 Ormond Yard, Duke of York's Street, London SWI Y6IT (071-930 2842); Tongue Kung Fu. 6-7 The Piazza, London WC2E BHA (071-836 4052).





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De rigueur for the biker

Learn the language: standard comments on different makes will get you through most conversations (bikers err on the side of faciturnity). "A British bike? In bits in your bath, is it?" "Italian mechanics — great; shame about the electrics."

For true enthusiasts, a Schott Perfecto leather jacket, as modelled by the young (and then relatively sveite)
 Brando, is much coveted, but almost anywhere on the King's Road will sort you out a passable imitation.
 Boot up: black lace-up DMs, square-toed biking boots and knee-highs are all acceptable. Cowboy boots are also cool and can be decorated with studs and chains.

■ Get in the mood: Listen to the Shangri-Las' "Leader of the Pack", watch The Wild One, and see if you can improve on the Arlo Guthrie song rhyme: "I don't want a pickle/Just want to ride on my motorcycle" and "I don't want to die/Just want to ride on my motorcy(cle)".



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Left, Nicky wears black leather Schott Chicago police jacket, £475; black bandana, £2.50; black jeans, £29; all from American Classics, 398/400/404 King's Road, London SW10. Black DMs, £49.95, from The Natural Shoc Store. 21 Neal Street. London WC2 (071-602 2866 for mail order). Ceatre, Simon wears leather Brooks biker jacket, £210. from Interstate. 17 Endell St. WC2; black leather jeans. £129, and bandana, £2.50. from American Classics. Polo neck, £24. Thomas Pink, 35 Dover Street, W1. Right, Alasmir wears black leather Arivex jacket, £370. and black jeans. £29. from American Classics.

TOP Left, Jo wears black leather laced jeans, E60

from the Petiticoat Lane Sunday market.
London El. Denim jacket, E40, American
Clastics. Black cowboy boots, £120,
R. Soles. 109A King's Road, SW3. Simon
(on bike) wears blue Levi's, £29: black Tshirt, £42.50; check shirt, from £37.50;
steeveless denim jacket, £40; all American
Classics. Alastair wears black leather Avirer
jacket, £370, American Classics. White
Hardone T-shirt. £15 (mail order, 081-965
6660). Right. Nicky weats check shirt.
£37.50; black leather waistooat, £59, and
jeans. £129; all American Classics. Boots,
£79.95. Natural Shoe Store (as before).

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Left. Simon wears grey Harley Davidson sweatshirt. £42.50; black leather waistcoat. £59; denim jacket. £40; black bandana. £2.50, all from American Classics. Jo wears leather trousers as before; black denim Hardcore jacket. £70, and red Hardcore T. shirt. £15 (mail order from 08 i-965 6660): Ogri badges from £3.50 (071-83 i 8305). Red check shirt. £37.50, American Classics. Black cowboy boots, £120, from R. Soles. 109A King's Road, SW3.

Styling by Victoria Pyman Hair and make-up by Mario Yarney Photographs by John Hidson





VEEKEND BREAK



Heavy breathing in the beams

limbing the spiral staircase to our attic room. the solid oak treads gleaming in the afternoon light, the receptionist temporarily lost her bearings among the nooks and beams and had to return to ground level for further directions. Once located, we found ourselves in an irregular room the size of a small ocean liner.

The labyrinthine Madeley Court has seen various incarnations in its 700-year history, as a monastery, country house, iron smelting business, and ruin. Its most illustrious occupant was Abraham Darby I, father of the industrial revolution, whose discovery that iron ore could be smelted with coke ushered in the modern world. It is hard to know what he, a

It is hard to know what he, a Quaker, would have made of the whirlpool baths now offered in the hotel's smarter rooms. Had he lain there, being shaken and pummelled like a rush-hour passenger in a submerged tube train, it seems possible he would have switched off his blast furnace and cancelled the industrial revolution.

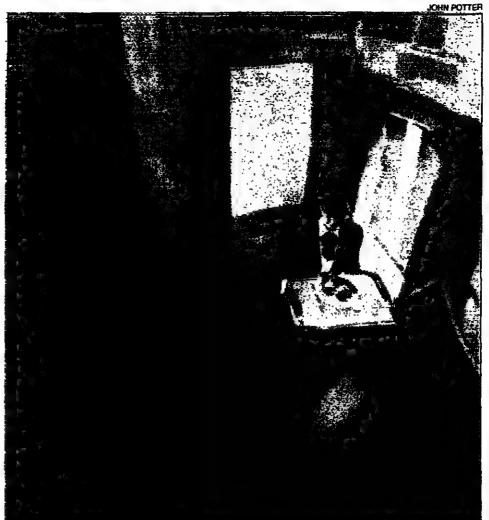
Next morning we woke to the sound of heavy breathing. Our large room, bisected by oak beams and furnished with antiques, was in the eaves and the door was locked. Checking the enormous bed for (unexpected) signs of life, I tiptoed to a window and peered out. A hot-air balloon was gathering itself for flight on the field beyond the walled garden.

After Henry VIII dissolved

the monasteries, Madeley Court became a country house, passing through several owners until it was abandoned over a century ago. The 13th-century great hall, now a splendid dining-room with huge open fire and frieze depicting the death of Actaeon, was once a blacksmith's forge and later a hay barn. English National Heritage pumped in money to make the building weather-proof, but it fought a losing battle until a local builder cum restaurateur fell in love

Martin Ebelis bought the building in 1984 and is reputed to have spent more than El million restoring it. A local

Jeremy Laurance ponders the wonders of the industrial revolution from the comfort of his whirlpool bath



Dinner coming up, eventually: room service keeps the staff fit at the Madeley Court

firm was commissioned to reproduce the natural mineral paints used a century ago and the fabrics, antique furnishings and fittings reflect the same attention to detail.

The result is a sumptuous country house, whose dark tones and hushed voices put one in mind of its monastic beginnings. The house is set in a quiet valley by a wood of sweet chestnat and oak with, at the backs askine terrace overlooking a small lake.

The astronomic cost of the

conversion unfortunately proved too much for Mr Ebelis, who sold out to Lyric hotels. There are 16 rooms in the main house, some with four-poster beds, and a further 31 in wings that have been added.

The staff are warm, unstuffy and unobrusive. There are two restaurants, the main one in the great hall and the more informal brasserie in the undetroft. The mean is "international" and the cooking on the grand side.

The shallot and tarragon sauce that came with my guineafowl wrapped in pastry was tangy and delicious. My companion's tournedos of beef fillet was served with an unusual gratin of apple and apricot, and accompanied by a heap of raw gadic which deleated her.

Starters were everly fussy but the cheeseboard had unusual offerings. A St Emilion at £15.50 was good value, but a Pouilly Fumé at £18.95 was disappointing. Dinner for two in the main restaurant is about

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160, including wine. In the brasserie, the cost would be about half as much.

After breakfast next morning we set out, as Abraham Darby would have done, for Ironbridge gorge.

Ironbridge gorge.

Long after the coal mines are closed and the industrial revolution has sputtered to an end in a volley of chants and oaths, the gorge will be there to remind us how hard labour made the modern world. Once a medieval version of silicon valley, the heart of pre-industrial Britain, it is now a low-key British theme park which celebrates the age of iron.

ere the first iron wheel was made, the first iron rails and, most famously, the first iron bridge, which still draws visitors from around the world more than two centuries after it was built. With a passport costing £7.50, obtainable from the hotel, you can visit the six museums and three historic sites located within the six-mile gorge, although you should allow two days to do so.

days to do so.

On display in the Museum of the River there is a remarkable model of the gorge, showing the mine workings and iron foundries along the banks of the Severn, then an 18th-century thoroughfare. And at Blists open air museum, you can exchange your modern devalued currency for pennies and farthings and shop for strange medicaments in the 18th-century chemists, watch iron chassers being cast, or suck ancient boiled sweets of dubious provenance. It is entertaining without being glamorised or Disneyfied.

My only cavill with the museums is that they focus on the products of labour and not enough on the lives of the labourers. When, after a long day at the blast furnace, Abraham Darby returned to Madeley Court, did he dream of whiripool baths?

• Madeley Court Hotel, Telford, Shropshire (0952 680068). A onenight weekend break including dinner, bed and breakfast, costs 555 a person sharing a double/twin room. A two-night break is £98. Prices are due to rise about 10 per cent next April.



SPORTING LIFE



with it.

All along the backwater...

culling is the art of propelling yourself swiftly through water using we fixed paddles instead of one. If you weigh around 8lb, hoast a pretty tuft of tail eathers and your paddles are lour own tiny orange webbed icet, it is the most aesthetically bleasing, indeed the most effortless, method of aquatic fravel. For people, however, culling requires slightly supe-

for skills. For first-timers these include the stoicism to Ignore badly pruised thumbs from clashing bars, an inbuilt radar for tubmerged bits of wood with inormous nails protruding (an apparently indigenous feature of our waterways), and in addition—and this is the easy bars—the capacity to enjoy an intig are and immediate relationship with any length of other in any part of the country. The low-slung sculler in his or her sleekly thin-skinned thaft is the human eel-king of

the low-slung sculler in his a ner sleekly thin-skinned traft is the human eet-king of the water, an ergonomically lear-perfect creature who elides past snorting motor truisers and grunting rowing lights with, very nearly, the confidence of a duck.

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Single sculling is, in fact, a much misunderstood sport. In the most basic terms, it means owing using two oars atached to outriggers — the bars he properly termed sculls — in a rudderless, pencil-shaped toat-built-for-one.

You present your back to the direction in which you are heading. Your bottom is on a sliding seat, and your feet are praced against an adjustable bar. The sliding seat vastly improves your efficiency in evering the boat past the point at which your oar slices into the later. To steer or turn, you arour one oar over the other, to stop — well, I haven't quite mastered that bit.

Yet while it is commonly berceived as the preserve of plympiads or Oxbridge hearnes, sculling is an inexpensive sport which is likely to hook you the first time.

All self-respecting rowing clubs have their own boats for members' use, and most allow a period of grace for beginners to Ascover whether they are tuited to the sport before paying out a generally modest annual fee. The principles are ustonishingly easy to grasp.

Lacking a duck's natural waterborne advantages, Jodie Tressider takes up the sculls and gets busy in the river



Messing about: Dr Tom Davies guiding Jodie Tressider

Sculling fact box

there are no upper age boundaries, and the sport requires no heroic level of fitness from beginners.

It also officially admits you to the highly congenial competitive world of both the summer regatta (from Henley down to the pub-side marquee and barbecue knees-up) and winter league racing events, which may be taken as seriously, or otherwise, as you wish.

As my veteran class sculling mentor, Dr Tom Davies, a lecturer in community medicine and Fellow of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, puts it gleefully: "At our Boxing Day event the cheating is absolutely scandalous."

Perhaps the most useful tip

How to get started:

contact the Amateur Rowing

governs rowing in Britain, at The Priory, 6 Lower Mall,

London WS 9DJ for details of

in your area. There are about

country. The more details you

level of interest etc., the more

close-fitting clothes in winter,

and trainers. Style point. shell suits are frowned upon.

clubs with sculling facilities

250 open clubs in this

include about your age,

What to wear: layered.

What it costs: annual

the ARA can help.

Association (ARA), which

for beginners is: first throw your book on sculling techniques overboard. Like ski manuals for novices on the slope, written descriptions of the sculling method ("the body is rocked over and against the thighs, the knees are bent with the shins not beyond the verti-

cal...") do not illuminate.

A second piece of advice is not to be humiliated when offered the use of a "playboar" for your earliest outings. This is a cleverly designed, stubbier and broader-bottomed version of the hip-hugging, streamlined, highly unstable racing scull boat.

One false move in the latter and even the moderately experienced sculler ends up in the

membership fees range from

membership. Few clubs have waiting lists. There are

When to scull: regattas are held Easter to September,

winter league events from

£50 to £150 - much

cheaper than golf club

extra fees for entry to

September to Easter.

■ Insurance: racing -

licence, valid for a year, is

available from the ARA for

£31.50 and offers full personal cover (£10 for under-18s). A

one-day licence with full cover

regattas and races.

drink. But the playboat allows you to commit all sorts of sculling solecisms — whacking ducks across the bill, drifting across the path of barges — without risking much more than a wobble and a blush.

I met Dr Davies, who is 54 and has been sculling since his Cambridge undergraduate days, the wrong side of 9am on a gilded, pin-bright Sunday on the river Cam. He had previously described himself as "a standard British middle-aged man, not fat, not bald". He might also have mentioned that he would be wearing a raspberry and lime-green all-in-one sculling outfit. Like skiers and cyclists, scullers do have their fashion peccadillos.

Dr Davies has his own single-sculling boat — a Glyn Locke, which cost him £1,450 seven years ago and would be about double that now — and sculls every weekend. He belongs to and mainly competes in veteran races with the Cambridge Rob Roy club. "My wife thinks I work off my aggression through sculling, but I like to think it's because I love the water and that I'm perhaps vain enough not to want a pot belly."

Scullers, he says, are not necessarily solitary people. "Whole groups come together to train and race unofficially, and you're never by yourself on a university river. In fact the Cam isn't at all ideal from a sculling point of view. It's narrow, twisty and crowded."

The Tharnes is much better."

Beginners are never left on their own. Perhaps because scullers are evangelistic about their sport, enthusiastic new-comers are warmly welcomed and can rely on being helped into their craft — a teetering job the first time, but not much harder than finding your balance in a dinghy — and given basic instruction by experienced club members.

You are unlikely to sculi continuously for more than a few minutes on your first outing. But when you do, when you succeed in getting the rowing and the sliding motion synchronised, when your slip almost soundlessly past frozen bulrushes set on fire by the early sun, and manage not to catch your thumbs between the oars, well, it's an effort not to stick out your tongue at a duck.

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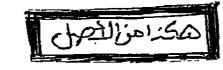
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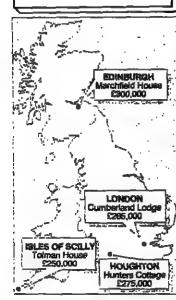
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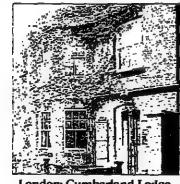
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Caroline Morse finds a thatched cottage, a London dovecot, an island home with boathouse, and a Georgian music room



Edinburgh: Marchfield House, Blackwall. A listed Georgian residence with two-thirds of an acre in a cul-de-sac. Five bedrooms, two bathrooms, shower and utility room, three reception rooms, music room. About £300,000. Contact Bird Semple Fyfe Ireland (031-343 2500).



Hampshire: Hunters Cottage, Houghton, nr Stockbridge. Restored Grade II listed thatched cottage with one acre. Three bedrooms, bathroom, shower/cloakroom, two reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room. About £275,000. Contact General Accident (0794 523242).



Isles of Scilly. Tolman House, St Mary's. Detached property with self-contained one bedroom annexe and boathouse overlooking the bay. Half an acre. Main house has two bedrooms and two reception rooms. Conservatory leading to greenhouse. About £250,000. Stratton Creber is handling the sale on behalf of the Duchy of Cornwall (0872 74646).

in 1951, one of about or Distington Hall in Cumberland, have been left to decay.

A lucky few are rescued, and live on as hotels (such as Bare Wood in Berkshire) or as conference centres (Brocket Hall in Hertfordshire). Others, such as Wardour Castle in Wiltshire, become schools — from 1960 to 1989 it was home to

Cranborne Chase girls school.
While conservation groups welcome the survival of these houses, they lament the fact that they are no longer used for their original purpose — as homes. Since the 1980s, however, an imaginative new approach has meant stately homes are becoming family homes once again. Now it is possible to live in a castle - as long as you do not mind sharing it with six other families.

Wardour Castle, for example, is to be a school no longer. It has just been sold for £1 million, virtually a third of its original asking price, to Nigel Tuersley, who plans to live and work on two floors of the central section, and to sell the rest as flats and houses.

Mr Tuersley, the managing di-rector of an investment banking company who has no family, said he felt "very privileged. It's an amazing place. I bought it because I love the place and have no intention of re-selling it." He feels confident he will have little difficulty dividing up the house. "We won't be doing anything structural — really it will consist of knocking

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will leave, which will serve the flats on the second and third floors." Prices will range from £400,000 for the seven-bedroom east wing, to

£100,000 for two-bedroom flats on the second and third floors of the central section. A corner of your very own castle for the same price as a two-bedroom flat in Notting Hill. With the market for conference

centres approaching saturation. conversion is becoming more common. Certainly there is no shortage of country houses for this treat-ment. With the continuing recession, few families can afford to keep them on alone. Heveningham Hall in Suffolk, at £4.5 million, has been on the market since July: Herstmonoeux Castle in Sussex is for sale

English Heritage would prefer houses not to be split into flats, but is resigned to the fact that conversion may be a house's only chance of survival. Michael Pearce. Eng-lish Heritage's chief planner, says: 'Ideally, we would like the houses to remain in single ownership and occupancy. This was how they were designed and how they function best. After all, the reason why some Saxon churches survive is that they have been kept in their original

"If houses have to be converted, the best method is vertically, not horizontally. Each occupier then has the full range of rooms, from the kitchen in the basement to the servants' quarters at the top of the house. We also prefer it if the garden is kept in communal use;

for Wardour Castle, it is common elsewhere. Tyninghame House near Dunbar is a red sandstone castle dating from the 17th century.
The Earl of Haddington sold the house in 1988, when it was split into ten units, nine of which have now been sold.

im Clifford, the director of the National Gallery of Scotland, and his wife Jane live in the west wing, which cost them about £300,000 three years ago. The Cliffords' house includes Tyninghame's main drawing-room. At 65ft long, it was the main reason they were attracted to the house. Mrs Clifford remembers visiting Tyninghame years ago, long before we considered buying it, and I remember the sun pouring in through the win-dows and thinking it was the nearest to heaven I had seen. We realised we wouldn't have got this style of drawing-room in a smaller

There are, however, strict controls on what the Tyninghame residents are allowed to do. It is forbidden to have more than two dogs and no one is allowed to hang their washing outside. Mrs Clifford feels these rules are necessary. "It's a very elegant house — can you imagine what it would be like with our washing all over the place?"

There are disadvantages - it is impossible to drive within 200 yards of the Cliffords' front door

onderful house without having the worries normally associate

Gunion Park, an 18th-century coast. He owns the eight-bedroom south wing, which he bought nine years ago, before building work was completed, for about £100,000. He lists the benefits "For what I paid for Gunton we could have got a serious Norfolk rectory. But Gunton is a historic house with a fantastic parkland and conservation area. And our part has a dining-room which is 30st high and 30st long. You'd

never get that in your rectory."

The brains behind the conversion of Gunton Park is Kit Martin, the architect. English Heritage recommends Mr Martin's "sympathetic" conversions. He operates as both architect and developer, buying a house, converting it and selling it on. The conversion of Gunton Park into 25 sections was finished in 1984. All sections have since been sold. Two, however, are back on the market through Strutt & Parker, Norwich Office (0603 617431): £225,000 is asked for the citchen, now a three-bedroom house, and Mr Martin has just put his own Gunton house on the

market for £575,000. Mr Martin believes the conversion of stately homes into flats and houses is "about the only sector of the housing market that has any life in it. There are a lot of people who would like to live in a castle but do not want a whole castle, hundreds of staff, or hundreds of rooms. This is a cheap way to have

a bit of your own castle."

In fields of lavender

Lower Alps, on the northeastern edge of Provence and near the medieval town of Nyons, the olive oil capital of France, this restored village house (right) is for sale at FFr300,000 (about £30, 100). Close to several winter ski resorts, it is also 90 minutes drive from the international airport of Marseilles and the Mediterranean

The stone-built house is larger than average and in a good state of repair, with mains water, electric storage heating and masses of character, says Nigel Paige, of the agents Authentic France.

It has a living room, with open stone fireplace, kitchen/diningroom, three bedrooms and a modernised bathroom; plus vaulted cellars, a small garden and an adjoining roin.

The lavender-filled departement of the Drame, on the other side of the river Rhône from the Ardèche, remains undiscovered by British holiday-makers and housel and property prices are low. It has a warm, dry, Mediterra-



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nean climate, and is easily reached by the A? motorway to Montélimar, or by plane to Marseilles, Montpellier or Lyons.

The area around Nyons is characterised by its terraced hills, neyards and lavender fields, and by its fortified villages perched on rocky escarpments.

Old, sun-bleached stone houses in the small hilltop towns and illages, set among the olive groves surrounding Nyons, can be picked up for a traction of the price of those more established parts of

Most of the properties have mains water, drainage and electricity, but usually lack any type of



Character: a restored village house at FFr300,000

garden. For FFr150,000 you can buy a small, restored village house, with one bedroom, kitchen and bath, with exposed stone walls, open fireplace, garage and wine cellar. Larger town houses, ready to move into, with two or three bedrooms, balconies or sun ter-

races, cost from FFr230,000. Unrestored Provençal farmhouses, with five or six rooms, and outbuildings suitable for conversion to gites, start at FFr350,000. But expect to pay at least FFr600,000 for a habitable home. with an acre or two of vines or

places, a restored five-bedroom Provençai mas in 300 acres of woodland and Valdrome, is for sale at FFr1.2 surrounded by 34 acres of truffle oaks, is on offer

- or FFr4.2 million with the truffle orchard. Prospective purchasers who are worried about the drop in sterling against the French franc should bear in mind that property prices in rural France are always negotiable. In areas where British buyers have. until recently, been the driving force, sellers will often accept offers. in some cases 15 to 25 per cent below asking prices.

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How to win prizes for keeping quiet

Finding it difficult to keep the children amused during the long, dark evenings? The answer, Jane Bidder says, is to get them hooked on competitions

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something for nothing. apart from a little knowhow, is always attractive. and provides an opportunity for children to prove their artistic or verbal skilis

What better confidence booster than for a child to be able to cry. "I've won"? And what an exciting way to while away the long, dark, winter evenings.

Competitions can also provide an incentive to learn such things as why the Harrier jump jet was so named (see the Natural Science Museum quiz), and they allow young minds to let their imagination run riot (see the

Halifax competition: What would you do if you were Home Alone?). Below (with the help of my three children). I have tracked down the most exciting competitions for tinies through to teenagers. So now is the time to sharpen pencils and your wits and get

cracking on a competition that could bring a worthwhile prize. Artistic writers can show off their calligraphic skills with the Osmiroid Spirit of the Letter Compention, run by Berol. There are

four entry classes, from designing a small poster to producing a notice for a nature trail. Prizes include a calligraphic weekend and equipment. Closing date May 31 1993. Age ten upwards. Entry forms from Berol, Oldmeadow Road, Kings Lynn. Norfolk PE30 4JR.

• Babies too young for most competitions can pose for a photograph to enter Mothercare's Happy Faces competition in either the 0-18 months category, or 18 months to five years. Running in selected stores throughout Britain. the competition prizes include a family holiday for four to Euro Disney in Paris. video camcorders and vouchers. Ring Paintbox Por-traits on 0722 412202 to find your nearest store competition.

he chance of winning • Colour a pantomime scene in Snap magazine (December issue) and win a Sega Master system, or one of 20 mystery Christmas stockings for runners-up (closing date December 14). Or, in the same issue, answer a simple question about a children's illustrator and win one of 20 chocolate selection stockings plus party tapes, Or, again, complete a sentence about Disney's Basil the Great Mouse Detective and win one of five videos. Closing date for these two competitions is December 20.

> • Canny comp: Enter the Heinz Spaghetti competition by filling in the prize draw form (inside the label) to What better win one of 1,000 Sega Master Sysconfidence tems II (are we the

> > Young Look out for the Royal Mail Young Letter Writer comavailable in post offices at the begin-

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date November 27.

ning of January. The theme is still to be decided: last year's subject was anything "green". Prizes range from £100 for regional winners to £400 for national winner. Closing date: first week in April.

• Family holiday: Parents would would be delighted if a child won a week's holiday in Boston for a family of four — the first prize in Harrods Freedom Trail in-store competition. The competition starts on December 14, when Father Christmas arrives (free admission to grotto) and ends December 24. Entrants (under the age of 12) have to answer questions on New England landmarks.

● Camera caper: Prove your photo-graphic skills by taking a photograph (with your own camera or someone else's) and win a trip to the Wimbledon tennis next summer by joining the Halifax Building Society LittleXtra Club. Other competitions, detailed in the free club magazine, include identifying three



Aiming for the big one: William Bidder, aged eight, and his sister Lucy, six, absorbed in the challenge of a competition

road signs to win a Corgi garage. and completing a puzzle to pocket one of 30 Where's Wally? videos. Open to children under 11. Older children can enter the Halifax Quest club competitions: teasers include describing the first thing you would do if you found you were Home Alone. There are 20 videos as prizes. Closing date for all entries is March 29. Children can join the dubs at any Halifax branch by opening an account.

 Make your own television commercial for Sega games and see the finished product on ITV next Easter. To be done in conjunction with your child's school. Teachers can send for a teaching pack (the project can be part of the National Curriculum requirements for business/media studies). For 14 to 16year-olds only. Forms available from Nicki Harris, CBH & Partners, 30 Bedford Square, London WC1. The many prizes include wide range of Sega goods. Closing date: January 30.

Ouiet please! Children will need to think if they are going to win the Petit Bâteau wordsearch puzzle at Harrods children's wear department. First prize is a set of underwear from PB's Christmas collection. Runners-up receive Tshirts and badges. Age range: up to eight and eight to 16 years. Closes November 28. Children (four to ten and 11 to 16) can also win £100 of David Charles Fairbanks clothes by designing a party outfit at Harrods children's wear. This competition closes on December 19.

• Reach the heights and win a kite (or a free meal simply by entering) with a McDonalds/Science Museum competition in Brompton Road or Knightsbridge, London. Entrants answer five questions (e.g., Why is the Harrier jump jet so called?). Closes November 30.

 Other McDonalds competitions include designing an environmentally-themed collage (Stourbridge branch) with a prize trip to the

Natural History Museum in London (ends December 4), spot the difference at Luton McDonalds (ongoing), or write about "What I want for Christmas" in Middles brough (closes December 11).

• Scribble a few lines about yourself and send in your picture to Mandy & Judy comic for its Reader of the Week competition. The winner receives a range of Polly Pocket Pretty Me cosmetics.

Telly addicts can win prizes every Sunday morning by watching BBC's But First This programme for children, 7.30am-12pm.

 Under six year olds can design a Christmas picture in any medium and win Bluebird toys, including Jumbo Fun Plane. Big Red Fun Bus. Big Yellow Teapor with teasets and lunchboxes for runners up. Watch Children's Channel on satellite/cable TV (8.45-10.45am and 1-3pm) or - if you don't have satellite - send entries to: Christmas Picture Competition. Jack in the Box. Children's Channel. 9-13 Grape Street London WC2H SDR, Closes December 7,

 Watch out for a different competition every Saturday on Going Live! (BBC 9am-noon). Recent programmes have included answering questions to win lunch on the televised Brookside set.

 Adopt a chimp by answering a true/false question about chimpanzees in the Woolwich Building Society's Kids Club magazine (details below). You can then be the official adoptive owner of a fouregged pet at the Chimp Rescue Centre in Wareham. Dorset Less zoo-minded readers might prefer tamer prizes from the Woolwich, such as The Guinness Book of Records (answer multiple choice questions) or a board game (spot the odd one out). Entry forms are in the company magazine, which is sent to you after opening an account for \$1. Under-12s only.

Events

□ Viking weekend: A hands-on

navia, devised by two Swedish music-archaeologists and suitable for seven to 12-year-olds. The workshops aim to show how music learured in Viking life. Barhican, Sill Street, EC2 (071-638 8801). Sat. Sun. 1-3pm

☐ Ahmal and the Night Visitors: An introduction to opera for fiveyear-olds and upwards. A cast of 21 singers (from Opera South) tell the story of the Three Kings visit to a crippled shepherd boy. Jackson's Lane Centre, 269a Archway Road, No 1081-340

☐ Art workshop: An over-threes workshop creating pop-up Christ-

Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, E2 (08)-980 2415). Today, Ham-Ipm 3-4pm D School Proms: The Albert Hall's annual "Music For Youth"

concerts with 15,000 players. Albert Hall, SW7 (071-823 (098), Mon-Wed, 7pm. NATIONWIDE

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Pacific locomotives, will be in giving rides. Didcot Railway Centre.

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Wood, working with the talented illusionist Paul Kieve, adapts Roadd Dahl's tale about some fearsome witches who plot to annihilate the world's children. New Victoria Theatre. Peacocks Ans Centre, Woking, Surrey, (0483 701144), Tues-Sai, Tpm: mats Tues, Thurs, Fri 2pm: Sat. 11am and 2.30pm. ☐ The Snow Queen: A rod-pupper show based on Andersen's fairy rale, with live music and voices. Puppet Theatre, Whitefriars. Nonvich (0603-629921), today.

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(b) A thin sloping or upright line, occurring in medieval MSS as a mark for the caesura or as a punctuation-mark (frequently with the same values as the modern comma). Now in more general use. From the diministive of the Latin virga a rod or wand: "The technical name of the sort slanting stroke between and/or in the device is virgule."

(a) Licentious, lewd, applied by hypocritical Victorian values to pro-titutes, because Cyprus was famous in ancient times for its worship of Aphrodite or Venus. She was born out of the fourn there: "The expenses of these poor Cyprians were not diminished in the same proportion as their gains."

GALIMATIAS (h) Confused language, meaningless talk, nonsense, a word of unknown origin first found to the toth century; Addison, Spectator: "The great Cavity was filled with a kind of Spongs Substance, which the French Amatomists call Galimatia, and the English. Nonsense.

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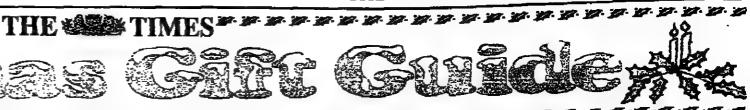
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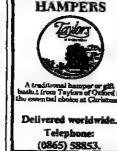
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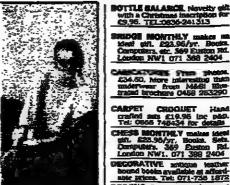
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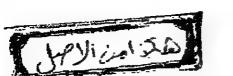
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Francesca Greenoak visits a small grower

with big ideas on chrysanthemums

provide a regular bright shows run by the Royal Horticultural Society and, after admiring the blooms for years, I visited the nursery, which is owned by the O'Brien Baker family.

Reaching the outskirts of Martiesham village, I had no difficulty locating them: brilliant strips of colour led the eye to the farmhouse, which is home and

headquarters for this family firm.

After a few sharp early frosts, it was interesting to see the chrysanthemums that stood up best to the weather. I liked Anne, a peachy-pink Korean chrysanthemum with bunches of knee-high, semi-double flowers, and Joan, daintier and very full-petalled in dusky pink. Maureen Burrows (nee O'Brien

Baker) and Janet Dale, the head nurserywoman, who showed me around, also recommended the sherbet-lemon double Moonlight, and the brighter, single Wedding Sunshine for weather resistance

and late flowering.

The lower field is the main growing ground for the Korean and the smaller Bird chrysanthemums. Standing in the autumn sun, among the shimmering gold, pink, bronze and peach was like being on a carpet of rich antique colours. The 60 or so varieties display an enormous and subtle vocabulary of differentiation in colour, petal density, shape and

I have always been fascinated by the so-called spoon-petalled form. where the petals are shaped like small, dainty quills. There were also dainty pompons, singles with gold daisy-like centres, and fluffy doubles, with their centres completely obscured. I much prefer the shape and neat proportion of these chrysanthemums to their outsize mop-

In addition to growing for shows and mail-order, the O'Brien Bakers sell cut flowers from the nursery

tuysanthemums from a and supply local florists with small mursery in Suffolk blooms raised in their poly tunnels. The cuttings, pot plants for the shows and the exquisite, minichrysanthemums are also grown grown in pots the blooms remain perfect, whatever the weather, and can also be raised for display so you can see, close-to, the individual beauty of the flowers.

I wanted half the stock but in the end chose three: Bronzetti, with the crimson-red buttons, Salurose, similar but with a suffused deep pink, and Bertos, which has unusual long-petalled single bronze-gold flowers floppy stars. All three will be at the RHS show this week at Vincent Square in London.

These pretty Bird pot chrysanthe-mums flower for several weeks indoors and, being fairly hardy, may be planted outside afterwards. Mrs Burrows grows them on for two or more years in her cold Suffolk garden. They grow taller and more busby after the first year and bloom over a long season, especially if dead-headed.

Cuttings taken this month will make compact plants for next year. A non-flowering shoot should be picked off from the base of the plant, the stem snapped off so that the cutting is about 1 hin/4cm, the end dipped in rooting powder and

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Autumn glory: Maureen Burrows with her Bird chrysanthemums

firmed into a pot of compost.
Father and son Daniel and Ian O'Brien Baker were away at a show, but I talked to Mrs Ida Baker, who is in her eighties and a nurserywoman all her life. She recalled meeting her husband while working for Amos Perry in famous Enfield nursery in

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M an's poignant yearn-ing for immortality takes him down strange roads. I have just taken myself 318 feet down mine, and I promise you that I have rarely felt stranger. If everything goes ac-cording to plan, I could be the next Jyrki Korhonen. This will mean that when I enter a room, that room will fall silent; the eyes of strong men will drop, and those of beautiful women will flutter. It would thus be pretty good to be the next Jyrki Korhonen. It wouldn't be quite as good as being the next Risto Antikainen, of course, but it would run it a damned close

Until this morning, it did not occur to me that this might ever be on the cards. Indeed, I had rarely toyed with intimations of immortality at all. You don't, in this business: you write it, they print it, a cheque comes along after a bit, and that's about the top and bottom of it. It is not Paradise Lost. People do not wrap cod in Paradise Lost. Nor have I ever done anything out of this business, either, to ensure that mine would be a name to all succeeding ages bless'd: I have not invented a major milk stout, founded a great heel-bar chain, discovered a new route to the Indies, ridden a Derby winner, or assassinated any archduke you've ever heard of, and my theory of relativity is rarely the subject of serious discussion when leading physicists fore-gather. In short, until this morning the thing being shaved in the mirror belonged to one whose name was writ in water.

And then, mere moments after I had towelled that thing off, the post arrived. It contained a letter from Mr Peter Howell of Twickenham. Mr Howell was offering me immortality. After I had read his letter twice, I went out into the road with my surveyor's chain and measured 318 feet along it. Then I looked up into the sky, which is the point at which I have

rarely felt stranger. Because I had to attempt to imagine what it would be like to see a new-laid egg descending out of that sky towards me. Once I had done that, I had to imagine what it would be like to catch the egg. How fast would it be going? How would I reduce the risks attendant upon its contact with my hands? How, in short, could I be better than Jyrki Korhonen, so that Peter Howell could be better than Risto Antikainen?

Oh, come on, you remember.

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hat they have also remained is a source of unswerving commitment on the part of Mr Howell. Mr Howell has for years dreamed getting into The Guinness Book of Records by being the best man in the world at throwing an egg. He has been practising since 1988. How many eggs have been scrambled in pursuit of that dream his letter does not say, but what it does say is that it was all a question of coming up with a new technique for rifling the egg through the air. This he has recently perfected; he has thrown several new-laid eggs over 330 feet. And he is now ready for someone to catch them, because

record be ratified. He does not want just anyone to catch it, either. As he points out, any schoolboy cricketer could handle the job. Peter wants what

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he flatteringly calls "a person-ality" to do it, so that he will garner the publicity his years of eggy effort so manifestly deserve. God knows how long it took him to get down as far as me, I should like to see the replies he received. sequentially, from the Princess of Wales, Frank Bruno, Jimmy Tarbuck, Nicholas Parsons, Antonia de Sancha and so on, but here we are, he had got to me, and, well, yes, he had got to me. I was on the hook. I rather fancied

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o, after I had returned from cringing at what 318 feet looked like, I went to the fridge and took out an egg. I didn't know whether its rather optimistic sell-by date disqualified it from being new-laid (if Risto and Jyrki took a hen with them and waited for it to deliver, the book does not say), but it would do for a dummy run, and I was encouraged to find that I could bung it about 20 feet up and catch it again, so far so good, but multiply that by 15, think about the 32ft per sec, per sec stuff we used to grapple with in 4b and who knew, it might be going like a bullet. I've read those strangebut-true tales about feathers being blown through sheet steel in earthquakes, pause for thought was called for. Would the game be worth the candle? Might I be egged to death?

Furthermore, in glancing at my 1991 book again, I noticed the category into which the event fell: Miscellaneous Endeavours. As these also included Longest Flute Marathon, Largest Jumble Sale.
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on Pillar Box, Biggest Ball of
String, Furthest Spitting, and
Man Most Frequently Struck by Lightning (Roy Sullivan of Virginia, seven times, poor bastard). I was forced to accept that eggthrowing was not quite up there with First Man On Moon; but, then, nor was I, and can't be now. and will have to take such immortality as seems achievably on offer.

So I'm writing back to Mr Howell to tell him it's on. The venue is Richmond Park, and since we have to make the attempt fairly soon to get in the 1994 edition, those of you wishing to spectate this event know where to go and what to look for. Two grown men, 320 feet apart, with an airborne egg somewhere be-tween them. And if one of them is covered in yolk, you'll know we haven't quite cracked it yet.

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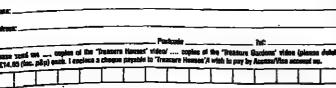
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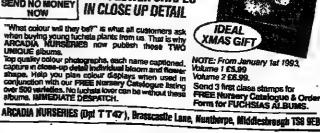
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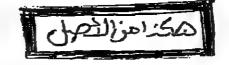
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ROCK RECORDS: David Sinclair finds crazy psychedelic diamonds in a Pink Floyd retrospective

A source full of secrets

f ever a group saw the era of digital sound recording com-ing, it was Pink Floyd. Their penchant for extended "conceptual" pieces and their skill in moulding a panoply of sonic textures into an evocative musical whole is ideally suited to CD, yet dates back to

the group's earliest recordings.

Shine On. [EMI 80557 1; eight discs), a boxed set retailing at about E110, represents the heart of the Floyd legacy (more or less). all digitally remastered to modern stan-dards of perfection. The classics are here, naturally - Dark Side Of The Moon, Wish You Were Here and The Wall (two discs) - and there is a highly desirable "borus" ten-track disc, which incorporates all the early singles and B-sides, as well as a hardback book and other trimmings. However, the absence of the band's outstanding debut, The Piper At The Gates Of Dawn, is a grave and mysterious shortcoming.

Like so many of the prototype rock bands of the 1960s, Pink Floyd's work has turned out to have a curious and unexpected resonance in the 1990s. Their original acid-spiked vision of rock as a vehicle for interplanetary flights of the imagination has clearly influenced acts like the Orb, whose chart-topping "ambient house" album U.F.Orb is perhaps the logical outcome of the textural. impressionistic approach which Pink Floyd pioneered on the two earliest albums in this set, A Saucerful of

Secrets and Meddle. The odd genius of the Floyd was in creating coherence from often random or even chaotic raw materials. At times this produced some pretty meaningless and pretentious extravaguided, as if by some divine, slowmoving hand, towards a distant vision of excellence.

Floydian mood of languid perfection on the long sweeping guitar introduction to "Nothing to Fear", the first track on his impressive new album God's Great Banana Skin (east west 4509-90995-2). Rea's voice gets gruffer, his guitar sound creamier and his mood bleaker with each

The tone of this collection is set by "90's Blues", a stately expression of melancholia underpinned by a discreet string arrangement and an intriguingly off-track instrumental passage. It is music which chimes perfectly with the worries and needs of a middle-aged generation seeking an expression of its woes set to music of a slower metabolic rate than the rock 'n' roll of its youth.

eanwhile, the former voice of that same generation, Bob Dylan, is now a man so out of joint with the times that it hurts. Good As I Been To You (Columbia 472710 2) is, incredibly, the first since Bob Dylan, his 1962 debut, to feature the master's voice accompanied by nothing other than his own acoustic guitar and harmonica.

The 13 titles - all traditional folk songs, such as "Frankie and Albert" and "Little Maggie" - are given the one-take, rambling, shambling. gotta-clothes-peg-on-muh-nose treat-ment that will surely prompt an involuntary wince from even the most diehard of fans. A chance hearing of "She Belongs To Me" on the radio



Groovy, or what? The early Floyd (from left) Rick Wright, Nick Mason, Roger Waters and Syd Barrett

the other day was a timely reminder both of the magnitude of Dylan's former brilliance and of the depths to

in the wake of Nirvana's multiplatinum success, the specific gravity of mainstream rock has increased by several tons. Groups that used to sound respectably heavy — Aerosmith, Bon Jovi, Van Halen even — now seem comparatively lightweight, while a new generation of acts such as Pearl Jam, Alice In Chains and an evolved Metallica have moved in to the middle ground with a guitar sound that even three

years ago would have limited their

appeal to the specialist headbangers end of the market.

Stone Temple Pilots, a four-piece from Los Angeles, are the latest contributors to this process. Their estimable debut, Core (Atlantic 7567-824 18-2), is an inspired piece of work that adds the occasional acoustic guitar ballad ("Creep") and a few knuckle-crunching jazz-rock progres-sions (notably "Sin", with its Allan Holdsworth style guitar soloing) to essentially the same mix of melody and muscle that has served Pearl Jam and the others so well.

It is a strange irony that although these acts all owe their existence to one British band, Led Zeppelin, they are without exception American Rather like tennis, we have invented the game but failed to bring on any new stars. In fact, the only UK group of any substance to buck the mend is

the Belfast trio Therapy?
Therapy?'s third album, Nurse, (A&M 540 044) combines a scalding punk-metal guitar tone with some quirky arrangements, and a deeply morbid sense of humour. Produced by Harvey Birrell, the collection is not as focused as those of its American counterparts, but tracks such as Teethgrinder", "Nausea" and the epic "Gone" conceal an imaginative. inquisitive quality beneath a brutish

Surreal setting for Strindberg

strange and haunting new choral work will be A performed at the Barbican's Scandfest tomorrow. As a grand finale to their choral weekend. Sweden's Eric Ericson Chamber Choir will sing The Wind's Lament", a great chorus of socio-ecological mourning which could have been written yesterday, but in fact is lifted straight out of

Strindberg's

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Dream OPERA Play. The PREVIEW chorus, a powerful selfcontained > A Dream Play piece in itself, Royal Opera is taken from the denove-

ment of a which is this month's hottest ticket in Stockholm. Ingvar Lidholm, the 71-year-old father-figure of contemporary Swedish music, chose A Dream Play for his first fulllength opera, a work which in many ways represents a summation of his life as a

Lidholm's Dream Play is something of a tour de force, and something of a paradox too. His own librato skilfully and imaginatively cuts Strindberg down to size by no less. than 60 per cent of the play's text. Yet Lidholm has rejected the obvious opportunity to compose a taut chamber opera, and, instead, written the grandest of grand operas.

Musically, all the strands of his edectic life of composition come together in powerful synthesis: the sound world of Bartok, the contrapuntal toughness of Hindemith, the

freezing and thawing of harmonic clusters. Dramatically, Gotz Friedrich and his designer Peter Sykora, have devised changes for each corner of the troubled world of man visited by the god indra's daughter. Despite the definess of these scene changes - from vast

planetariom, to surreal degree

theosophical symbolic Fingal's Cave, to music-hall

sanitarium Stockholm more effective a near-vestigia

setting would have been. Stringberg wanted his characters and scenes to "evaporate, ble" as they do, so effectively, m Lidholm's music.

But Lidholm wanted a ratthing good show, and that is what they have achieved. Enthusiastically conducted by Kiell Ingebresson, strongly cast with Hakan Hagegard and Hillevi Martinpelio (alternating with Eva Osterberg) in the lead roles of Officer and Daughter, and with Lidholm's choral writing realised in outstanding sung and staged choral numbers, this Dream Play is a powerful re-creation of Strindberg's surreal see-saw of cynicism and compassion.

HILARY FINCH Cripplegue (071-638 8891) to-morrow at 7pm.

Gently does it

ONCE rated JAZZ RECORDS as a potential

heir to Charlie Parker, Frank Morgan went off the rails in the mid-1950s, succumbing to beroin addiction and embarking on a lifestyle which led to spells in such academies of the fine arts

as San Quentin. All this, of course, makes for colourful copy, but it should not obscure the fact that he has emerged as a supremely lyrical

alto sexophonisi. When he made his comeback about seven years ago he was still being talked about in terms of Parker's influence, tempos have siacirened considerably and a more pensive cheers for that the world already has more than enough

Parker ciones. Morgan's A Lovesome Thing was one of my favourite recordings of 1991. With You Must Believe in Spring (Amilles 314-512- 570), the introspection is taken a step further

in a series of ballads per-

pianists: Kenny Barron, Tommy Flan-

agan. Barry Harris, Roland. Hanna and Hank Jones. The collection is devert programmed, each pianist playing a solo number before dorgan steps in for a duet. While the opening shot — Barron's interpretation of "But Beautiful" — is a skirish excussion around the keyboard, the pieces that follow have greater depth. It is no

surprise that Flanagan takes the honours. As for Morgan, his playing barest whisper. As he nudges his way through each song. the phrasing is so frail and spare that you are afraid he smoke. Left exposed like this, most sanophonists would be tempted to hide behind lavish omamentation and abrupt Empa changes. Morgan sim-

ply lets his instrument sing.

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Cheryl Studer: complete Violetta

Cases of conspicuous consumption

ompeting Traviates arrive this month to join shelves already well stocked with Verdi's opera. DG (435 797 2, 2 CDs) turn to James Levise and The Met in New York, bringing out the heavy artillery led by Cheryi Studer and, on loan from Decca, Luciano Pavarotti. Teldec's recording (903) 76348-2, 2 CDs) is London-based with the LSO under Carlo Rizzi, making his debut on the label. Edita Gruberova and Neil Shicoff are the lovers who should never have met across a

crowded Paris salon. Levine and The Met's orchestra go for a febrile Traviata. Right from the start, time appears to be running out for all concerned. The strings in particular are full of nervous palpitations, at times skittering through the music, although Levine draws exquisitely refined playing from them in

the Act III prelude.
Studer's Violetta is made of sterner

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stuff, a big soprano and full of defiance as she declares her independence in "Sempre libera". Studer now conveys a great deal of emotion in her singing, never more so than as the offended woman at Flora

Bervoix's party. the coloratura with ease and showing the right mixture of fight and despair in the final act.

A pity, then, that the Germont family could not show similar character. Pavarotti's Alfredo has its moments, mainly loud ones as in the impassioned return to Violetta before "Parigi, o cara". But in that duet the voice sounds dry, as it does sometimes elsewhere, and this will not rank among his most persuasive

Juan Pous, as Germont Père, has

vocal richness, but never rises above an overall blandness. The barely suppressed fury with which Giorgio Germont should address Flora's party guests has the satisfied tones of a company chairman opening a com-fortable AGM. Several of the sup-

Rizzi opts for a far lighter and often more delicate orchestral touch on Teldec. His Traviata is more intimate, at times even imnic when Venti deliberately uses tawdry music offstage to counterpoint the on-stage drama. He lacks the grand gestures for the second scene of Act II, but otherwise this is a most suspicious debut for his new recording

Gruberova's Violetta is more fragile than Studer's and the Teldec engineers, auxious to extract the last

ounce of pathos, sometimes make her all but insudible, especially in her confrontation with Alfredo's papa But Gruberova knows all about this part and she is equally capable of handling the introspection of "E strano", and the vocal fireworks which follow as Violetta reclaims her

ireedom — temporarily. Shicoff, despite a slight sob in the infatuated Alfredo. Giorgio Zancanuro carries all the gravity and understanding that Pons lacks in Act II, as Giorgio Germont's disdain of

Violetta changes to grudging admira-tion. Silken singing.

A well-chosen supporting cast make this an attractive proposition. But first choice among recent sets still goes to Kleiber on DG, with Cotrubas and Domingo unsurpassed as the victims of salon life.

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Martin Hoyle sits uncomfortably through two plays

Trouble among the cheeses

WRITING scripts for The Archers has affected Louise Page's style. A new play from the author of Salonika and Golden Girls, winner of the J.G. Grein Critics Circle Award, should be a great event. But laboured plotting, inconsistent characterisation and a cursory nod to stereotyping bespeak the radio soan.
Disappointment is the keener since Page introduces an unusual theme - the illegal market in protected birds - into a new variant of the old north-south, rich poor dichotomy. The southerner in this depressed north Mid-lands town is himself firstgeneration rich, insecure, still in trade, though these days his business lies in a delicatessen shop rather than industry. His passion for breeding hawks leads to steading eggs from the nest in a derelict factory; and thence to tragedy.

The plot is full of puzzles.

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ty-stricken working-class area with the delicatessen-buying public, the individual characters seem incomplete or con-tradictory. An actress as intelligent as Gillian Bevan struggles to make sense of the rightness and shining virtue of

the working-class heroine.

The uncertain focus is summed up in a scene where the well-meaning southerner Otto (why Otto?) introduces her to the joys of his food shop and she protests the only cheeses she knows are ched dar, cheshire and that old proletarian standby, brie. Again, it stretches credibility

that Otto could employ half the local council estate in

char, shop assistant, thief — without their knowing about the others or his realising their

relationships.

The tragedy is that the play might say something about money corrupting and good intentions reeking havor; but it emerges as an admonitory anecdote about the destruc tiveness of delicatessen owners in the north Midlands.

Tanya McCallin's stylishly brooding set is backed by a vast, blotched rock face, transformed into the crumbling factory in Act II. Patrick Sandford directs a fine cast, though Michael Simkins fails to fill in the blank of Otto's warm and rueful personality makes Ono's rich bitch girl friend too nice. Thomas Craig does what he can with Marie's estranged husband who casually assumes his wife is on the game: and little Alex Scott is splendid as the young son who

Trumpet but little flourish

THE new play from Lumière and Son could be the account of three people reacting differently to extra-terrestrial visitors. It could be an allegory of the id, suppressed by the ego. healthily asserting itself in the cause of a balanced personality. Or it could be a Bustration of how a technically distinguished fringe company stagnates through taking itself too

striously.

Margaret, Paul and Eileen are friends. Their three bedrooms are visible on the set by Sanja Jurca Avei and a host of theatre design students. Margaret is neurotic, vague and fluttery. Eileen is efficient.

Abduction

hard-bitten and given to making leaden wisecracks. Paul fancies her, is fancied by Margaret, and plays the trumpet in his underpants.

Margaret is the first to

receive a mysterious visitor. He simply appears in her room, in overcost, trilby, gloves and scarf. For most of the time he sits and watches. Occasionally he addresses her in the plummily soothing tones of the vicar in The Archers. Intoxicated by this, she pulk up her skirt, tugs

down her pants, and plucks at The others are each visited

by an identically dressed stranger. Paul, waking naked in bed, reacts hysterically as if under sexual threat. Eileen rages. She remains the only one not to give in; for even Paul resigns bimself to the silent interloper and, still naked, takes up the trumpet again after sticking in a mute. The three friends quarrel.
Understandably depressed, or
possibly bored, the visitors
depart, leaving their hosts wistfully aware of some sort of loss and the audience numbly. aware of how long 75 minutes

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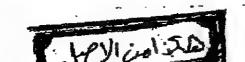
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BBC1

7.00 Champion the Wonder Horse. Children's drame (r) (4306247) 7.25 News and weather (2104082) 7.30 Spider. Musical cartoon (r) (s) (8267599) 7.35 Animal World:

Galapagos. The island home of the giant tortoise (s) (2353334) 7.45 Quick Draw McGraw. Carbon fun (r) (8283082) 7.50 Little Bits. Cartoon adventures of the forest pixes (f) (3525266) 8.15 Chucklevision. Paul and Barry cause further mayhem (s) (5647841) 8.35 Buckly O'Hare. Cartoon adventures of the floppy-

eared superharo (r) (1685315)

9.00 Going Live! Sarah Greene and Phillip Schofield are joined by Nigel Kennedy, Michael Palin, Jason Donovan, Jonathon Porritt and Jeremy Angerson (s) (14136402) 12.12 Weather (3433334)

12.15 Grandstand introduced by Bob Wilson. The line-up includes Wiscot. The Interior Introduced by Edd Wiscot. The Interior Interi 1.30 Forte Handicap Hurdle; 2.05 H and T Walker Gold Cup; 2.35 and 4.30 Snooker: the latest news of the fifth round matches in the Royal Liver Assurance UK championship from the Guildhall, Preston: 2.50 Rugby Union: live coverage from the National Stadium in Cardiff of the match between Wales and Australia; 4.40 Final Score (15205711). Northern Ireland: 4.55 Results (6795624) 5.05 News with Mora Straft, Weather (8200570) 5.15 Regional news

and weather (2617570) 5.20 Dad's Army: Put That Light Out. Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurier star in the everygreen Home Guard comedy. The plation is sent to guard the local lighthouse (r). (Ceefax) (2077247)

5.50 Big Break Innocuous snocker quiz in which Jim Davidson and John Virgo are joined by Dene O'Kane, Ray Reardon and Mike

Hallett. (Ceefax) (s) (640131)
6.20 Noel's House Party. Garth Crooks is the unwitting recipient of this week's Gotcha Oscar in another terrago of resistible fun (s)

(174605)7.15 Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game. Four couples compete for the prizes on the conveyor belt, With Rosemarie Ford. (Ceefax) (s)

(547889) 8.15 Casualty: Making Waves. Gritty medical drama set in the accident and emergency department of a city hospital. Martin Jarvis and his real-life wife Rosalind Ayres play a couple involved in a boating accident. (Ceefax) (s) (536402) 9.05 News and sport with Martyn Lewis (Ceefax). Weather (755088)



Haunting: Daryl Hannah with Steve Guttenberg (9.25pm)

9,25 Film: High Spirits (1988)

CHOICE: Neil Jordan, who had made the tough thriller Angel and • CHOKE: Neil Jordan, who had made the tough thriller Angel and the stylish Mora Liss, seamed an unlikely director for this stight but enjoyable piece of whimsy about a drunken Irish aristocrat (Peter O'Toole) who tries to save the crumbling family pile by pretending it is haunted. The busicads of American tourists, led by Steve Guttenberg and Beverly D'Angelo, duly arrive, but are unconvinced until a real ghost materialises in the attractive shape of Daryl Hannah. Jordan, who was his own screamwriter, has fun, though perhaps not enough, with the culture clash between his Irish and American stereotypes, while O'Toole's performance is not notable for understatement. But in the end the film belongs to Hannah and the special effects department. (Ceafed (s) 441316957)

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11.00 Match of the Day. Desmond Lynam introduces highlights of two of this afternoon's Premier League matches (s) (54266)

12.00 Snooker. David Vine introduces coverage of the Royal Liver Assurance UK championship from the Guildhall, Preston (73700)

1.00am Weather (7324716)

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8.00 Open University: Science Preparatory Maths (4398839) 8.15 Open Advice: There's a Degree in Me Somewhere (5669053) 8.40

Design or Decline (1673570)

9.05 Film: Broadway Limited (1941, b/w). Wild farce in which a Hollywood director's publicity stunt backfires. Starring Victor McLagian. Directed by Gordon Douglas (7550889)

10.15 Film: Abbott and Costello in Society (1944, b/w). Predictable cornedy starring Bud and Lou as incompetent plumbers. Directed

by Jean Yartrough (4476792)

11.25 Bird's Eye View. Sir John Betjernan narrates an aerial tour of the English seaside (r) (2727976)

12.15 Film: Advance to the Rear (1963, b/w). Glenn Ford and Sreila

Stevens star in a lively spoof western about a group of misfits during the American civil war. Directed by George Marshall (928860) 1.50 Network East celebrates the careers of film producer ismail Merchant and writer Nirad Chaudhiri, and features Bombay designer Krishna Mehta's new exotic menswear collection (s)

2.20 Tamhaiyan. Fifth episode in the 13-part Asian drame. In Urdu with

English subitiles (2871421)

3.00 Films: Key Large (1948, b/w). Wordy melodrama staming Humphrey Bogart as a second world war veteran who armies at a remote Florida hotel and finds it under the control of mobster Edward G. Robinson. Directed by John Huston (15418773) 4.40 Snooker. David Vine introduces coverage of the Royal Liver

Assurance UK championship from Preston's Guildhall (6657841) 5.30 Top Gear Raily Report. A preview of tomorrow's Lombard RAC raily through the forests of England, Wales and Scotland (604) 6.00 Scrutiny. Reports on the work of the House of Commons select committees. (Ceefax) (957). Wales: Wales in Westminster 6.30 News and sport with Molra Stuart. Weather (270957)

6.45 Pole to Pole. Michael Palin travels through Ethiopian bandit country (r). (Ceefax) (864976) Music on 2: Carl Nielsen — A Life in Stx Symptonies

 CHOICE: The conductor Simon Ratitle presents a portrait of Dermark's leading composer, helped by Nielsen specialist Robert Simpson and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. Ratitle organises his account around the Nielsen symphonies, playing generous extracts and showing how they relate to the composer's life and development as an artist. It is a simple and effective formula. Pattle is as lucid and enthusiastic in speech as he is with the baton and never tries to push the life and art parallels turther than they will go. Even so, he presents a plausible account of a symphonist whose early optimism was gradually eroded under the impact of the first world war, difficulties in his marriage and, by the time of the bleak final symphony, the pain of serious illness (s) (302044) 8.55 Have I Got News for You (f) (s) (902624)



Edgy tension: Juliet Stevenson and Trevor Eve (9.25pm)

9.25 Performance: A Doll's House

CHOICE: The BBC2 Scandinavian evening continues w Ibsen's experity-crafted study of money and gender with Juliet Stevenson as the dolf-wife who finally decides that enough is enough. Stevenson's Nora predictably dominates. This splendid actress holds the screen from the start with a performance which is by turns playful, filinatious and deeply felt and touched with an edgy tension. Trevor Eve's husband is gruff, charmless and an effective foil and there is reliable support from David Calder as the secret money-lender and Geraldine James in the pivotal role of the school/friend whose reappearance after nine years sperks the plot.
David Thacker from the London Young Vic, a theatre director making his television debut, keeps the drama flowing with smooth editing and the judicious use of close-ups. (Caetax) (s) (46312082)

11.40 Film: Lacombe Lucien (1974). Oirector Louis Malle's deeply-felt. drama about a country boy who joins the Gestapo during the Nazi occupation of France. Starring Pierre Blaise and Aurore Clément. In French with English subtitles (78974978)

1.55am Saturday Night Live. The American comedy show features the actor Joe Pesci (9935629). Ends at 2.30

6.00 TV-am (7393268)

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9.25 What's Up Doc? Including music from Kylie Minogus and a search for the person with the mor, outrageous laugh (e) (43597878)

11.30 Movies. Movies, Movies. The video and film guide reviews Sister

Act, Of Mice and Men, Peter Rabbit, The Snowmen and The

Addams Family (4266)
12.00 The TTV Chart Show. The Vidgo Vault features Simple Minds performing their 1989 hit, "Belfast Child" (s) (98537)

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1.00 ITN News with Dermot Murraghan. Weather (86493353) 1.05 LWT
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1.10 European Champlons League Special. Ian St John and Jimmy
Greaves preview Wednesday's first round matches (9968686)

1.45 The Smurfs. Cartoon (r) (38668247) 1.55 Highdays and Other
Days. Jenny Bristow with meals for children (73926247)

2.25 The A-Team: Senil-Friendly Persuasion. George Peppard and
his team of Vietnam vetisrans are hised to protect peace-lovers from
a carno of multile-mallers (r) (1287860)

a gang of trouble-makers (r) (1287889)

3.20 WCW Wreating. Bouts from the United States (7642570)

4.10 Dinosaurs. Prehistoric puppet series (s) (3365247)

4.40 ITN News with Dermot Murnaghan and Graham Miller. Weather

4.40 FTN News with Dermot Murragnan and Granam Miner, weamer (4823341) 5.00 LWT News and weather (2629315)
5.05 Cartoon Time (r) (6170976)
5.20 Beverty Hills, 90210. Tales of teenage angst among Californian high school students. Brandon (Jason Priestley) chases a story and Brenda (Shannen Doherty) has an accident. (Oracle) (s) (8743996)
6.15 Gladiators. John Feshanu and Ulrika Jonsson introduce four more contenders to the might of the Gladiators. (Oracle) (s) (636773)
7.15 Blind Date. Cilla Black plays Cupid to hopeful romantics and finds out how last wash's winners fared. (Ciracle) (s) (532957)

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Only the lonely: Tara Simpson as teenager Gittan (9,05pm)

9.05 Crime Story: Dear Roy, Love Gillian

CHOICE: Tonight's dramatic reconstruction is set in 1978, a year O CHOICE: Tonight's dramatic reconstruction is set in 1978, a year carefully located with radio news items, and is a tale of two halves. In the first, Califan (Tara Simpson), a siny and lonely teenager from Merseyside, is introduced to an unlikely pen friend, a young man serving a prison sentence. In the second, the story suddenly changes tack and becomes a murder enquiry. Connoisseurs of crime fiction who think that footprint class went out with Sheriock leaders will be interested to see that it seed that the second. crime fiction who think that footprint clues went out with Sheriock Holmes will be interested to learn that a size 12 bootmark holds the vital key to a triumphant outcome for the boys in blue. As before in this series, acting and direction are serviceable but little more and the piace is carried by the strength of its plot. These true crimes also arouse our curiosity about the fate of the criminal, a sure recipe for holding attention to the final credits. (Oracla) (493501).

10.05 Film: The Delta Force (1936). Effective action thriller, based on the true story of the hijacking of a TWA plane in Athens. Chuck Norris and Lee Marvin lead an elite squadron to free Americans held hostage by Arab temorists. Directed by Menaham Golan (s) (98619957)

12,25am Almost Grown. Joey saves a neighbour's life (7976613) 1.30 The Big E. European magazine programme (s) (2223803)
2.35 The Gig. New bands from London and Bristol (1753700)
3.35 New Music. Pop interviews and videos (1223238)
4.30 The Hit Man and Her. Michaela Strachen and Pete Weterman with

music, fashion and competitions (s) (57174) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (83303). Ends at 6.00

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10.00 Kabbadi. Maharashtra v Delhi in the men's sem-finats (r) (s) (22170)

(22179)Gazzetta Football Italia. Paul Gascoigne reviews the goals from

tutal sazzata routions funds. Faul seasongle reviews the goes from last Sunday's Italian league matches and previews tomorrow's games, including AC Milan v Inter and Lazio v Foggia (27727) 11.30 American Football. Mick Luckhurst and Gary Imlach present highlights of last week's action on the grid Iron (r) (2808)

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12.00 Sign On: Your Views. Do deaf organisations represent the young?

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12.30 Songs and Memories. Harneed Haroon, the newspaper publisher and founder of the Press Institute of Pakistan, talks about censorship and journalism and selects her tavourite films (77044)

1.00 Film: Cariton-Browne of the FO (1958, b/w). The first of a Terry-Thomas double bill in which he plays an inept diplomat sent to the British-ruled island of Gallardia. Peter Sellers helps to sustain the fun. Directed by Roy Boulding and Jeffers Delf (10376886)

2.40 Film: Private's Progress (1955, b/w). Gentle sand-up of the army stars Teny-Thomas as a major and lan Carmichael as the upper-

stars Terry-Thomas as a major and Ian Carmichael as the upperclass twit who causes unwitting mayhem. Directed by John Boulting

4.30 Film: Les Bicyclettes de Belsize (1968). A short film, told entirely

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5.05 Brookside. Crnnibus edition (r). (Feletext) (s) (9813599)
6.30 Right to Reply. Viewer Tracey Moore presents a humorous view of death in television soaps and there is a review of the Cutting Edge documentary on the House of Lords. (Teletext) (s) (605)
7.00 A Week in Politics. Vincent Hanna and Andrew Rawnsley report on the arms-for-iraq controversy, the Gatt negotiations, the prospects for economic recovery and the Euro-banana row (1044)
8.00 The Big Battations. Erian Cox and Jane Lapolaire star in the opening episode of Hugh. Stoddart's drama about faith and fanaticism (r). (Teletext) (s) (1808)



Looking for love: Gérard Departilett (leff) risks all (10.00pm)

10.00 Film: Trop Betie Poor Toil (1989). The Gérard Departieu season continues with this dark comedy about a successful businessman with a beautiful wife and two children who risks everything for the love of his overweight, middle-aged secretary. With Carole Bouquet and Josiane Balasko. in French with English subtities. Directed by Bertrand Biler (316570)
11.40 Let The Blood Rum Free. Spool medical soap (526402)
12.10am Jools Holland's Happening. Variety show live from the Astoria Theatre in London. The guests include Kym Mazelle, Albert Lee and Hogan's Heroes, Dave Brooks, the Victous Boys, Cralg Charles, Neil Innes, Felix and Buth Olley (7536483)
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2.10 Film: Timetable (1956, b/w). Modest thrifer about an insurance men who is assigned to investigate a train robbery. Staming and directed by Mark Stevens (7181648). Ends at 3.35

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6.00em Showcase (10131) 8.00 Rosebud (1975): Arab lamonste hijack 8 years (61062) 10.00 The He Next Chapter (1950): Fantasy (sin (32869) 11.30 Year Vingbrist, There is a Senta Claus: Children's film (20885) 12.00 Brande Starr (1990): A comic artet is drawn into a story (51605) 2.00 A Thousand Herces 2.00 A Throusiand Herroes (1990): Chulton Heston plays an airine plot (5895?) 4.00 Smolley and the Bandil (1980): Surt Reynolds moves a pregnant elephant (5296) 4.00 Original Intent (1990): A lawyer tries to help others (89562150)

7.40 Entertainment Tonight (879537) 8.00 Nuns on the Run (1990): Bankauto memo or the rum (1960): Same-robbers hide in a convent (7366) 10.00 Zandalee (1990): Three triends get invoked in a love triangle (905353) 11.45 Cutherine Charle (1962): Adversures of a leenage girl (548402) 1.25 The Best of Times (1985); Robin EUROSPORT

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 6.00 Best Pritends (1982): But Reynolds and Goldie Hawn get married (32957)
 8.00 The Amilyville Horror (1979): A lamby move into a haunted house (37402)
 10.00 Bloodbrothers (1978): Drame about talken builders (14432763). Ends at 12.00 THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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12.00 The Coccenaris (1929, b/w); The Mans Brothers' list leature lim (364773)
1.35pm A Reason for Living: The Jill Ireland Story (1931) Biopic about the late actress and her son (8858911)
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(38034667) 5.10 MacGyver: The Legend of the Holy Rose (as 3.15pm) (3169700), Ends at 6.00 SKY SPORTS

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FM Stereo. 8.00mm Berbara Sturgeon: The Seturciay Show 8.05 Brian Matthew Sounds of the Sates 10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Nic the Sides 10.00 Anne Hoomson 12.00 Mox. Barraciough's New Country 1.00 pts. Comedy House, fin Sony I's Read That Again; 1.30 The News Huddines 2.00 Ronne Hilton: Sounds of the Fiftes 3.00 Sieve Rade 4.00 Answer Me 8.00 The Movie Hour: Cinema 2, 5.50 Scoempley (r) 6.00 Bos Hohres Requests the Riescure 7.00 Back Numbers with Dave Gelly 7.30 Robert Palmer in Concert at the Albert High, London 9.00 Easy Does It 10.00 Radio 2 Aris Programme with Sheridan Morley 12.05 mm Ronnie Hilton: Sounds of the Fiftes (r) 1.00 John Terret: with Night Ride 4,00 Barbara Shumen: The Sunday Show

RADIO 5

Revs. and sport on the hour until 7.00pm.
6.00mm World Service: World News, 6.09

News. About British, 6.15 The World Today.
News. About British, 6.15 The World Today of the Texas Rangers 11.00 Gol Ross King meets Lombard Rally competitors 12.00 Sport on 4 the Texas Rampers 11.00 Go! Ross King meets Lombard Rally competitors 12.00 Soort on 4 Plus 1 (r) 12.30 Sportscal 1.30 Sport on Five. Including Rugby Linon: Wales v Australia. Footbell: Leeds Litch v Arsanat, Manchester Litch v Coltarn, Spurs v Aston Villa; Racing from Aintree and Ascot 5.00 Sports Report 8.06 Sk-O-Six 7.30 Let Top 9.00 Afropop Wortdwide The Gypsy Kings 18.15 On the Lavel, Incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10sm News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

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America 7.00 Introduction to the Opera with Nicrobas Trestain, Arabella at the Royal Opera
House with Jeffrey Teta conducting 10.00 Classic Cuz 12.00-6.00am André Leon

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(s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 The Farming Week 6.50 Prayer for the Day 7.00 Today Incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; 6.55 Business News; 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.20 Listaners' Listaners

9,30 Breakaway: presented by Bill Oddie 10.00 News; Loose Ends (s) 11.00 News; The Week in

Westminster with Michael
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Liverpool, Jonethan Dimbleby and quests Dr Zeki Badawi, director of the Muslim College;

Julia Clevertion, chief executive of business in the

community; Branda Macdox, author and journalist, and David Owen, chief constable of North Wales. (r) 1,56

580, 4444) Saturday Playhouse: Albi for a Judge. A comedy by Felicity Douglas and Harry Cecil from his book. Adepted and directed by John Tydeman (s)

Shipping 2.00 News; Arry Answers? 071-

4.00 News; Age to Age; Christopher Cook uncover unfattering reports about royalty down the ages

5.00 Costing the Earth: Polarexplorer Robert Swan

4.30 Science Now: What effect will

global warning have on British soils, rivers and coastline?

explains how he became UN rowing commissioner 5.25 Tea Junction with Patrick

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6.35am Open University: Access to Maths

6.55 Weather 7.00 Record Re Record Heavew with Paul Guinery including Howelts (Concerto for String Orchestra: Royal Liverpool PO under Vernon Handley); Bach (Suite No 4 in E list; BWV 1010: Annar Bylsma, callo); Prokofiev (Plano Concerto No 4; Polish National RSO under Antoni Wit); Caldara (Crucifixus a 16); Andrea Gabrieli (De Protundis

Christophers); Krauss (Symphony in C minor: Concerto Köln) Concerto Koin)

9.00 News

9.05 Record Review (contd): with
Roderick Swarston, Building a
Library: Mozert's Pieno Tribs
by Richard Wigmone. Libral
Salter on new releases of
Italian, Franch and Russian
opera. 10.35 Record Release;
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a 6: The Sixteen under Harry

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Opera Chorus and Orchestra
under Kent Nagano);
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Spades, Act 3: Boston SO
under Sail Ozawa with
Vadimir Atlantov, tenor, Mirella
Essai, encano and Sarmei Freni, soprano and Sergei Leiferkus, bantone). 11.42 Lesenous, carronej. 11.42 Nicholas Anderson reviews the Collectic Argentes. Multiat (Suite in E. Indissolubilis Amidilia: Concentus Musicus,

1.00pm News 1.05 Bath International Featival 1992: The Kuijken Trio (Barthold Kuijken, beroque itute. Wieland Kuilken, viola da aute, wearn kurjeen, word oa gamba and Robert Kohnen, harpsichord) parform Telemann (Methodical Suite in B minor for flate and continuo, 1732); F. Couperin (Suite in E minor for viole and gamba and continuo, 1728); Locatelli (Sonata in C flute and continuo, Op 2 No 1), C.P.E. Bech (Sonata in A minor, Wq 132); Bech (Tric

Soneta in G, from BWV 1027-

of music-making, 11: Leonard Bernstein. Bernstein (Waltz;

vienna under Nikolaus

2.20 Schumann: Fantasy in C, Op 17 performed by planist David Milde (t) wide (f)
3.00 Vienna: the Philharmonic
Years 1842-1992: Richard
Osborie presents a 12-part
series documenting 150 years
of wide 151-based Turkey Trot; Blues; March, Divertimento); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 15 in 8 flat,

5.00 Jazz Record Requests with 5.00 Jazz Record Requests win Godfrey Smith 5.45 Third Ophnion: Joe Ferrel reviews two new anthologies of poetry. A Page for Order. Poetry of the Northern Ireland Troubles and The Faber Book of Modern Europeen Poetry, and two prose collections and two prose collections — Saul Bellow's Something to Remember Me By and Erich Fried's Children and Foots.

With opinions from Susannah Clapp and Peter Porter Gapp and Peter Poter

6.30 Lawes and Jenkins: Second
of two programmes. Fretwork
with Nicholas Parle, organ,
perform William Lawes
(Consort Set in A minor);
Jenkins (Fantasies: No 16 in
O; No 8 in C minor, No 6 in P);
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> ert Herring: Britten's three-act opera to a text by Eric Croper adepted from a short story by Guy de Maupassant. In the absence of a suitable young lady in the village, Albert is elected King of the May. With Heather Thomson, soprano, as Lady Billows, Marcia Swanston, mezzo, as Florence Pike, Nancy Hermiston, soprano as Miss Wordsworth, Canadian Opera Company Orchestra. under David Lloyd-Jones, Act 1. Includes at 7.55 The Writing of Albert Herring. Libratilist Eric Crozier recalls his

collaboration with Britten. 8.05 Acts 2 and 3 9.40 William Hogarth at Bert's: Dr Roy Porter, medical historian, and David Bindman, Duming Lawrence Professor of Art.
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London, meet on the great
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10.00 Minole Jacquet Big Band:
Recording of a concert by the
tenor escopharist from
Louisiana and his band. During the interest Ayri Shipton talks to him about his career during which he worked for Count Basie, Cab Colloway

and Lionel Hampton

As Lepton except 11.30mm-12.00 Zono (4255) 1.70mm Saturday Sport (86498537) 1.40 Carry on up the Jungle (42767593) 2.30 Movies, Movies (5485518) 2.50 Wrestling (5821112) 4.35-4.40 Goal of the Week (8868229) 5.05-5.20 Saturday Sport

RADIO 4 5.25 Week Ending: Satirical news review (s) (r) 6.50 The Locker Room: John Dryden investigates

rpotence (s)

Beginning

CHOICE: Conducting his enquiry into what influence, if eny, the opening bars of a musical work have on the rest of it. Charles Hazlewood elicits from his expert panel (two composers, two performers, a iecturer) confirmation of what T.S. Eliot said in East Coker "In my beginning is my end."
The opening bars are variously revealed to be mood setters, the calm before the storm, an inner road map, and — an analogy that will be readily understood by sense who will be readily understood by sense who will be readily. understood by anyone who takes The Tanes — a subtly

rares The Times — a subtly compiled page one index to the delights waiting on the inside pages. (s)

7.50 Classic Sertal: The Master and Margania. Mikhali Bulgakov's novel, dramatised in four parts (s)

8.50 Commenciation Pines: Supplementations. 8.50 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor's first quest in a

new series of six programmes is Kevin Costes, artistgoldsmith, sculptor and musician 9.20 Music in Mind: Presented by Brian Kay (s) 9.50 Ten to Ten (s) 9.59 Weather

10.00 News 10.15 Open Mind with Sarah Baxter and Henry Porter

10.45 Worlds Apart: In the first of
sk programmes about
childhood in detant countries. Cynthia Samuels talks to Ray Brown about her early memories of Old Harbour Bay.

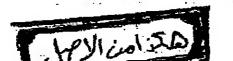
11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes: with the sopreno Dame Kirl te Kanawa (s) (r) Kirl te Kanawe (s) (r)

11.30 Dear Diary: Sirnon Brett
returns with selections from
four centuries of diaries. On
November 20, 1947, diariets
record their reactions to the
wedding of Princess Elizabeth
and Prince Philip (s) (r)

12.00-12.30am News incl 12.20
Weather 12.33 Shipping

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9.15 Start Youtr Own Religion. Colin Morris discusses forgiveness (s) (4743280). Northem Ireland: Canvas 9.30 This is the Day. Norma Cradock talks to young offenders (s) (68919)

10.00 See Heart Clive Mason reports on the Type Talk service (s) (64290)

10.30 Inside English. Language skills in the workplace (1121006). Wales: Careering Ahead (49990) 10.45 Italiantssimo (1119281)

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11.30 Mossic. A three-part series about racial harrassment (1261)

12.00 Advice Shop. Welfare rights magazine (67342)

12.30 Country File presented by John Craven (9158700). Wales: Down to Earth (80736) 12.55 Weather (78167822)

1.00 News (96442629) followed by On the Record (9498377)

2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceetax) (s) (12919)

3.00 Film: Perry Mason — The Case of the Shooting Star (1986). Raymond Burr as the infallible lawyer defends an actor accused of shooting a chat-show host (r). (Ceetax) (28822)

4.30 Milchael Jackson's Dangerous Tour in Bucherest. Highlights from the Romanian leg of the singer's world four (r) (s) (6637087)

5.20 The Clothes Show. Jeff Banks, Caryn Franklin and Branda Emmanus give tips on how to look cool on the piste (s) (2053667)

5.45 The Borrowers. Third of a stx-part children's drama about a family of little people who live under the floorboards. (Ceefax) (2298)

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5.45 The Borrowers. Third of a six-part children's drama about a ternity
of little people who live under the floorboards. (Ceefax) (202396)
6.15 Weather Watch with Craig Charles. (Ceefax) (190984)
6.25 News with Anchew Harvey. Weather (306338)
6.40 Songs of Praise from north Belfast. (Ceefax) (s) (557551)
7.15 Last of the Summer Wine: Ordeal by Trousers. Compo sets out
to prove whether Foggy's war stories are true. (Ceefax) (s) (283261)
7.45 The House of Eliott. In the last of the series the sisters head for the
United States to promote their new collection. Starting Shells Const.

United States to promote their new collection. Starring Stella Gonet and Louise Lombard. (Ceetax) (s) (327532)

8.40 Birds of a Feather. Sharon and Tracey enter a karaoke contest. Starring Pauline Cuirke and Linda Robson. (Ceetax) (s) (431938)

9.10 News with Michael Buerk (Ceetax). Weather (447025)



London present: Dukes, Scott-Thomas, Parker (9.25pm)

9.25 Look at it This Way (129803)

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• CHOICE: Justin Cartwright's satirical novel of London life in the eighties emerges as a promising three-part drama, adepted by the author, it is a tale in which realism is mixed with symbolism, the latter having much to do with lions which weave teasingly through the narrative. It is also a story in which London present, represented by the enterprise culture of advertising and the City, meets London past, evoked through an old bit-part actor played by Lionel Jeffries. The phyotal character is an American journalist and minor media celebrity (David Dukes). His transatientic perspective provides a counterpoint to the artificial worlds of copywriter Kristin Scott-Thomas and her philandering banker boyfriend (Nathaniel Parker). Veteran Jirreny Jewel helps to carry the Bon theme as an old colonial living on his memories. (Ceetax) living on his memories. (Ceetax) 10.25 Everyman: Kids Like Us

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© CHOICE: The cameres visit a tough housing estate in Newcestie upon Tyne and home in on Karl Brierley, who may be only seven but is already well involved in vandalism, arson, glue-snifting and helping to steal cars. The easy explanation is that Karl is a victim of his environment, it is an area of poverty and high unemployment where crime has become a way of life. Yet Karl's behaviour is not shared by his five brothers and eisters, who have been brought up in exactly the same way. His mother, Pat, is genuinely mystified, though she has had a troubled life herself, with a prison sentence for shool/fitning and a partner who beat her. The firm tries in demolicit for shoplifting and a partner who beat her. The film tries to demolish the myth of lackless parents, emphasising the concern of Pat and others to wean children away from anti-social acts. But no one has

any easy answers. (Ceetax) (196532)
11.15 Deogle Hower, MD (s) (915464)
11.40 Off the Back of a Lorry. Mike Scott's 1982 quest (301416)
12.10am Tenhaiyan (r) (6833507) 12.50 Weather (8722897)

RADIO 3

BBC2

7.00 Felix the Cat. Cartoon (6452241) 7.15 Playdays (r) (4281984) 7,40 Smoggles (f) (7788366) 8.05 Teiling Tales with Philip Hawthorn. (Ceetax) (s) (4357532) 8.20 Orville and Cuddles. Cartoon artics (f) (4400613) 8.25 Bitsa. Caltin Easterby and Simon Pascoe with more recycling ideas (f) (s) (4368648) 8.45 Gentle Ben. Drama series following the fortunes of a boy and his pet bear (r). (Ceefax) (1576613) 9.10 The Wetter, the Better! Children's game show (4739613) 9.35 Thundercats. Adventures with the animated lelines (r) (9635025) 10.00 Kevin and Co (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5886464) 10.25 Blue Petar. Omnibus (r) (s) (4867844) 11.15 The O-Zone. Music news (s) (7295483)

11.30 Shakespeare — The Animated Tales: The Tempest (r) (s) (9803) 12.00 Thunderbirds, Puppet series (r) (Ceefax) (3206716)

12.50 The Inveders. Vintage science-liction senes (r) (7095006)
1.40 The Staggering Stories of Ferdinand de Bargos: Of Sport and

Funerale. Surreal comedy (r) (s) (42387006)

2.00 Around Westminster. Review of politics (9445). Northern Ireland:
A Room with a View. Wales. Scrutiny

2.30 Snooker. David Vine introduces coverage of the Hoyal Liver
Assurance UK championship from the Guidhall, Preston (8619993)

2.45 Top Gear Railly Report. The Lombard RAC raily (181464)

3.45 Snooker. Further criterion of the section from Processor (8131073)

2.45 Top Gear Rally Report. The Lombard RAC rally (181454)
3.45 Snooker. Further coverage of the action from Preston (8131071)
5.05 Rugby Special. Highlights of the matches between Wales and Australia and Leicester and Bath (s) (8831667)
6.05 Travel Show Guides. Penriy Junor presents reports from the Cypriot resorts of Kyrenia, Farnagusta, Polis and Latchi (936193)
6.35 The Money Programme. Stave Levirson asks. can the battered consumer lead Britain out of recession? (272358)
7.16 The Realms of the Russian Bear: The Celestial Mountains.

Nikolei Drozdov's series on the natural history of the former Soviet Union explores the wildlife that inhabits the great ranges of central Asia and the Himalayas. (Ceelax) (622984)



Lecture on laughter: funny man Rowen Atidnson (8.05pm)

8.05 Funny Business: Visual Comedy

 CHOICE: A sk-part series on cornedy and comedians opens with Rowar Atkinson on the craft of making people laugh without recourse to words. No mean performer in this field himself, Atkinson recourse to words. No mean performer in this field himself, Atkinson draws extensively on his own repertoire as well as calling up clips from Hollywood silents down to Sellers and Cleese. The danger with such an exercise is killing the subject by over-analysis. Atkinson's "lecture" does not avoid this entirely, though his appreciation of the mechanics of visual humour, discussed under such headings as mime, perody and slapstick, is tilluminating and shrewd. The bigger questions are why we laugh and how tastes in humour change. Atkinson addresses them only briefly, in attempting to demonstrate why (in his view) Chaptin has lasted less well than W.C. Fields (211434).

8.55 Bullding Sights. Europe. Andrée Putman visits the Mémorial aux Martyrs de la Déportation in Paris, dedicated to the 200,000 French

Martyrs de la Déportation in Paris, dedicated to the 200,000 French victims of the Nazi death camps (969396)

9.05 Did You See. . ? Jeremy Parman, tan Hislop, Beryl Bainbridge and the Right Rev Hugh Monteflore discuss Channel 4's Cutting Edge and The Big Battalions and Get Back on BBC1 (s) (572006)

9.40 Open Space Special: Give Me Memphis, Basildon, Singer Phil Burdett's struggle to clinich a record deal. (Ceafax) (s) (947193). Wales: The Soul of a Nation

10.15 Top Gear Railly Report. Stave Lee introduces highlights of the Lombard RAC railly (650342). Wales: 10.20 Open Space Special

10.30 Filter: The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith (1978). Tough and trenchant drama, based on the novel by Thomas Keneally, about an exploited half-whits Abongme driven to murderous rage. Starting

exploited helf-white Abongme driven to murderous rage. Starting Tommy Lewis and Freddy Reynolds. Directed by Fred Scheplei (74532). Ends at 12.30em. Wales; 10.55 Film: The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith; 12.50em-1.05 Top Gear Rally Report

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5.00 TV-am (5193880)

9.25 The Disney Club Entertainment for children (6064258)
10.45 Link. Sian Vesey reports on a free legal advisory service helping disabled people and their families to obtain their entitlements. (Oracle) (1111529)

11.00 Morning Worship from St Joseph's Church in Middlesbrough 12.00 The Human Factor: Life After Cricket. Imrar. Khan talks to Mike

Field about his plans to build a cancer hospital in Pakistan in memory of his mother. (Oracle) (6593a)

12.30 LWT News Weekend and weather (75803)
1.00 FTN News with Dermot Murragham. Weather (55016464) 1.10
Walden, Brian Walden asks the defence secretary Malcolm Rithand whether Britain should be doing more to reduce the suffering in the former Yugoslavia (s) (8242803)

2.00 Bullsaye. Jim Bowen hosts the darts quiz (3071)
2.30 The London Match lan St John introduces live coverage from Molineux of the match between Welverhampton Wanderers and Charlion Athletic, and from Underfull of the game between Barnet and Cardiff (s) (32858342) 5.05 Baywatch: The Big Race. Los Angeles Meguard David Hassethoff

emers a grueling 60-mile water-skiing race in (8799174)

6.00 Animai Country. Sarah Kennedy and Desmond Moms look at wild cats, white swans and Gozmo, the red panda (803)

6.30 ITN News with Demor Murraghan Weather (606735) 6.35 LWT

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6.40 Highway. Harry Secombe visits Newbury in Berkshire, and meets Johnny Morris and Evelyn Glernie (Oracle) (559919)

7.15 Second Thoughts: Occupational Hazard James Bolam and Lynda Bellingham star as the ill-fated lovers in the Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie cornedy senes. (Oracle) (s) (265625)

7.45 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: Klasing the Gunner's Daughter Second episode of a four-part murder myster? The rith between Reg and his daughter is taking its toll. With George Bare: and Deborah Poptert. (Oracle) (971824)

8.45 London's Burning. Watchable drama senes following the private and professional fortunes of the Blue Watch fire-fighters. Bayleaf (James Hazeldine) discovers the whereabouts of his daughter (Oracle) (348822)

(Oracle) (348822) 9.45 ITN News with Dermot Murnaghen. Weather (891434: 10.05 The New Statesman: Back from the Mort. A new senes of the political satire starring Rik Mayali. After serving two years in a Russian gulag, Alan B'Stard files home to unwelcome change. (Oracle) (598483)



Music lovers: Glenda Jackson and Ken Russell (10.35pm)

10.35 The South Bank Show: The Secret Life of Sir Arnold Bax

● CHOICE: Ken Russell's fatest composer biopic finds the director not only playing his leading cheracter but in a mellow mood which largely the eschews the excesses of previous work. He picks up the largely the eschews the excesses of previous work. He picks up the story in the 1940s, when Bax has just written the score for David Lean's film of Oliver Twist. Russell is clearly a fan of Bax's lush romantic music but even more interested in the composer's private life, his long and prickly relationship with the planist Harriet Cohen (Glenda Jackson) and his penchant for picking up young women, here represented by a cinema usherette-cum-fan-dancer (Helty Baynes). Rusself the actor does not ofter a large range, but his contrait of a said old man whose music has fallen out of favour is frue portrait of a sad old man whose music has fallen out of favour is true and moving. As for Russell the director, this is a restrained performance and all the more effective for it (s) (1452803)

11.45 Cue the Music. Donne Warwick at the Albert Hall (s) (251342) 12.45 Liberace at the Las Vegas Hilton. The showman in concert in 1980 (822168) 2.20 The ITV Chart Show (r) (s) (5144762) 3.25 Coach. Hayden recruits a player from out of town (4198656)
4.00 Pick of the Week. Regional ITV highlights (11236)
4.30 Memories of 1970-1991. Archive film from 1981 (s) (97965)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Brenda Rowe (37052). Ends at 6.00

9.50 Semi-Tough (1977) A gri has to choose between two friends (410735), Ends at 11.38

 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites 7.15mm St. Louis Blues (1568): Biopic of songentier W.C. Handy (710445) 8.15 Germain and the Green Knight (1973) Arthuran legend (818551) 11.15 Le Chateau de Ste Mere (1991) Memors of Marcel Pagnol (805087)

1.15pm Arter The Shock (1990): Recreption of the 1989 San Francisco estringuake (174629) 3.15 Lucy and Dest: Before the Laughter (1990). Romanic bopic (167193) 5.15 Absolute Strangers (1991) Herry Model and Strangers (1991)

Winkler plays a husband choosing between his commisse wile and his baby (13370396)

7.08 Shoet (1990). Painck Swayze relums to earth to protect Demi Moore (7180/613) 9.10 Green Card (1990). Gerard Departeur mares Andie MacDovett for a work permit

mage (5416743) Ends at 6.000

e Vis the Astra and Moreupolo satellina 6.30mm Fishing The West (29434) 7.00 The Little Lasque (27377) 9.00 Jack High (85464) 10.00 Goals On Sunday (33984) 11.00 The Club Show Oldham Athletic (83342) 11.30 Nelbusters (84071) 12.00 Sunwal of the Finest (31006) 12.30pm High Fine (50629) 1.00 WWF Wresting (75964) 2.00 Super Sunday (14700) 4.00 Super Sunday (4938) 6.00 Super Sunday (69549) 7.00 Gentran Football (18629) 9.00 The Bro Leaduel

Football (18629) 9.90 The Big League (59880) 11.00 Super Sunday (10342) 1.00-3.00mm ATP Tour (25491)

Via the Astra addition
 8.00am Siep Aerobics (23087) 8.30 Trans
 World Sport (94377) 9.30 Euroscore (74209)

Euroscore (25/17/7) 5.05 Hrlythmic Gym nastes (704/45/52) 7.05 Sprill 5.8mming (11513) 8.00 Euroscore (8919) 8.30 Lomberd RAC Rally (8754) 9.00 Tennis (5900) 11.00 Euroscore (73919) 11.30 Lombert RAC Rally (90356)

SKY SPORTS

EUROSPORT

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport. Sporting news (r) (67532) 7.00 Take 5. For younger viewers (4366629) 7.25 Laurel and Hardy, Cartoon (2155716) 7.35 Little Wizards. Animation (7756551) 8.00 Sandokan Adventures with the pirate prince (53193) 8.30 Wish Kild Carloon Iun (1679754) 8.55 Tintin. Adaptation of Hergé's classic senes (4587716) 9.25 Laurel and Hardy. Comedy with Stan and Oilie (8309280) 9.30 Dennis. Cartoon adventures of the mischievous boy and his friends (r) (5693532)

9.45 Flipper. Adventures of the friendly dolphin (439498) 10.15 If Wishes Were Horses. The children go on a riding holiday (r). (Teletext) (s) (384349)

10.45 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea The underwater adventures of the submanne Seavew and her crew (r) (827754)

11.45 Little House on the Prairie: Guerantine Homespun (amily drame series starting Michael Landon (823938)

12.45 Classic Cars: Wheels of Gold. Auctioning cars is big business, and can lead to courtroom bettles (r) (330990)

1.15 Football Italia Coverage of the top matches, including AC Milan v

inter. Tonno v Juventus and Samodoria v Napoli (13434532) 3.30 Film: Man with the Gun (1955, b/w). Intelligent western starting Robert Mitchum as a gunlighter who, while searching for his estranged wife (Jan Sterling), does battle with a crooked rancher.

Directed by Richard Wilson (854087) 5.05 Magoo's Puddle Jumper An Oscar-winning cartoon (2513700) 5.10 News and weather (2618209)



Supermarket fever: will the shopper have to pay? (5.15pm)

5.15 High Interest: Super! Markets. Sansbury, Tesco and Safeway have become so prolitable that they are embartong on extensive programmes of expansion. But retail analysts claim that shoppers will have to pay the price (s) (6772006)
6.00 The Miraculous Mellops Australian fantasy drama (445)
6.30 The Cosby Show. American family comedy show. (Teletext) (975)
7.00 Equinox: The Puzzle of HIV. After a decade of intensive research, the HIV virus is still baffling scientists. Using microscopic and computer images this programme sets put on a runner insend the

computer images, this programme sets out on a journey inside the human body and examines how the virus destroys internal defences against disease. (feleted) (6445)

8.00 The Royal Collection: The Rigal Image. In the last in the series. Christopher Loyd looks at how state potraits illustrate the changing the of the monarchy. (felecett is) (4377)

note of the monarchy. (Teletext) (s) (4377)

8.30 American Football. Mick Luckhurst and Gary Imlach introduce highlights of the game between the Philadelphia Eagles and the New York Glants (95532)

10.00 Film: Above Us the Waves (1955, b/w). Standard second world war heroics with John Mills and Donald Sinden leading a midget submarine attack against a German battleship. Directed by Ralph Thomas (330025) 11.50 Film: The Hour of the Star (1985) The Letin American Cinema season continues with a drama from Brazil about an orphan girl who

travels to the big city to seek her fortune. Starring Marcella Cartaxo. Directed by Suzana Amaral. In Portuguese with English subtitles (258377) Ends at 1.35am

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Joseph Cotten, James Whemore, Jason
Robarts) (20468005 5.30-6.00 Bullsoye
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CENTRAL

6.55am Weather

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9.00 News 9.05 Brian Kay's Sunday

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gerden-ing Totie (3256396) 2.00 Memories of 1980, 1986174) 2.45 The Central Match (31481993) 6.00-6.30 Bullseye (803) 11.45 The Equalizor (251342) 12.45pm Firm. The Fest of the Few (69987236) 1.65 The ITV

7.00 Sunday Morning Concert. Buret (Jeux d'enlants: BBC

Scottish SO under Ashley

Lawrence): Respigit (Gli Uccelli): Ravel (Valses nobles et santimentales), Saint-Saéns (Le rouet d'Omphale): Delibes (Surte, Sylvia), Ravel (Plano conceno for the Jell hand); Totale areas (Saint The

Morning Boyce (Symphony No 5); Fauré (Parane); Holbome (Almaine and

ropome (Abraine and Galliarde): Tchaitovsky (Waliz, Eugene Onegin); Artist of the Week, Benjamm Britten, Trad, arr Britten (O Welly Welly, Sweet Potty Oliver); Handel (Organ Concarto No 1 in G mpon): Leoncavallo (No!

rorgan Conserto No Intermental Leoncavallo (No! Pagliaccio non son, Pagliaccio); Elgar (Wand of Youth Suite No 2); Poulenc (Mouvements perpetuels); Dvořák (String Serenade in E); Britten (Hymnics) Coclete i hert if prestille

to St Cecilia); Ibert (Louisville Concerto), Rachmaninov (Two

Pieces for piano six hands). Composer of the Week, Purcell Dido and Aeneas, final

scene); Dohanyi (Vanations on a Nursery Song)

a nursery song)
12.00 Spirit of the Age. George
Prait and Charles Breft discuss
the role of countertenors in the
music of Purcell and his

contemporares 1.00pm News 1.05 Table Talk's History of the World: Rabb

Lionel Blue invites Lesfie

Forbes to The Last Supper

Piano Concerto No 5 in E flat.

mperor. Artur Pizarro): Berlioz

1.20 BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascel Torteller performs

Symphonie lantastiq

3.00 Dowland and Monteverdi Songs, performed by Lynne Dawson, soprano, and Jakob

Lindberg, flute/theorbo

3.45 Honegger: Dong Suk Kang, violin, Raphael Walfisch, celk

Violin Sonala No 2; Cell Sonala, Duo for violin and cello: Pavane

4.40 BBC Weish SO under Andrew

Pascai Devoyon, plano periorm Trio in F minor (1914).

As London ecospt: 12.25pm-1.00 What the MPs Say (9097251) 2.00 Granada Action with the A Term (3071) 2.30 Cartoon (4019339) 2.45 Firm Doctor in Clovar (32731763) 4.20 House Style (538) 5.00 Buissaye (5321) 5.30-6.30 Coronalion Street (15342) 11.46 Prisoner: Cest Block H (785006) 12.46em Ouz Might (594188) 1.40 Motorsport Special (5374930) 1.40 First Adolf Hiller — My Part in His Downtal (710615) 3.35 Pick of the Week (70790168) 4.00 The ITY Chart Show (92410) 5.00-5.30

HTV WEST As London succept: 12.30pm-1.00 The Nature of Things (\$25636) 2.00 Challenge of the Seas (\$071) 2.50 Carbon (4262795) 2.40 WCW Worldwide Wiesting (\$862260) 5.30 The West March (\$19) 4.00 Firm: You're Only Young Twice (\$9754) 8.30-6.00 Bulletye (\$90)

HTV WALES

Chart Show (4003994) 3.50 Cue the Music (4262795) 2.40 Highway to Heaven (6080439) 4.55 Johnnier (2247762) (5858532) 3.35 Fen. Family Flight (5586629) 5.00 (Julieye (5321) 5.30-6.00 Corbinations, Cottages and Castles (590) 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H. (765008) 12.40em.

TYNE TEES

As HTV West except: 3.30pm-3.50 Firm TSW

Noctume symphonique, Op

os vesana a pary service: Simmingham's Anglican and Roman Catholic cathedrals join to celebrate in St Philip's Anglican Cathedral

pianist performs Haydn (Sonata in C, H XVI 50); Liszt (Bénédiction de Dieu dans la

(Bénédiction de Dieu dans la solitude, harmonies poétiques et religieuses; Réminiscences de Norma

South Bank Purcell Project. Orchestra of the Age of

Englightenment under Gustav Leonhardt with Julia Gooding, soprano, John Elwes, tenor, Michael Chance and

Michael Chance and Christopher Ribbson, courtertenors, David Witson-Johnson, baritone, and Lawrence Wallington, bass, performs Purcell (Welcome to all the pleasures): Blow (Mark how the lark and linnet sing, Ode on the Death of Mr Henry Purcell): Purcell (Hail, bright Cecilal). In the intervel at 8.10 Anthony Buston discusses

CHOICE: Allan Cubitt's first

radio play is an unremittingly sad piece about a 20th

turnour who imagines himself back in the 18th century when

Hogarth was assembling his

Hogam was assembling in a models for the painting of a healing Christ which still hangs at Bart's hospital in London. With are sensitivity, Cubit counterpoints the spatial with

the physical, and parallels the pan of living with the agony of dying, Like all radio plays rich in metaphor, it demands the istance's unbroken

Montague talks to four composers, winners from the International Electroacoustic

Music Competition in Bourges: Javier Alvarez, Denis Smalley,

Joney Harrison and Alejandro

11.15 Music in Our Time: Steve

12.30-12.35am News

censury doctor (Mick Ford) with an inoperable brain

9.35 Sunday Play: The Pool at Bethesda

7.30 South Ba

43); Busoni, arr John Adama (Berceuse élégiaque) Liszt, orch John Adams (La lugubre gondola); Liszt (Les Préludes) 5.30 St. Cecilia's Day Service:

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 TSW As London except: 12.25pm The Littles: Farming Week (\$255396) 2.00 Off the Hook (\$013205) 12.50-1.00 Colendar News (\$071) 2.30 Gus introduces Frodie Tooless (\$4408368) 2.00 Highway to Heaven

Cusz Night (2437644) 1.10 Motorsport, Special (8706120) 1.40 Film: Adolf Hitler — My Part In Fils Downfall (710815) 3.35 Pick of the Week (70730188) 4.30 The (TV Chart Show (82410) 5.00-5.30 Jobinder (75385)

Adventures of Black Beauty (3071) 2.30 Film; Sheens — Queen of the Jungin (91806) 4.36-5.00 Bulleaye (\$35)

TYNE TEES
As Londons except: 12.25pm-1.00 Wild World of the East (9097281) 2.00 Fairs: The Old Ment Who Cried Wolf (36687) 3.30 The Back Page 4.00 Frank Snatra: The Voice (2280) 5.00 Antend Country (3821) 5.30 Ealterye (980) 6.00-6.30 Parents (903) 11.45 Film: Night of Terror (982464) 1.05em Culz Night (8713149) 1.35 Pick of the Week (4783033) 2.05 Karm Bhoomi (9657052) 2.85 Karm Bhoomi (9657052) 2.85 Karm Bhoomi (9677052) 5.00-6.30 Jobinder (75865)

YORKSHIRE

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Weather 7.00 News 7.10
Sunday Papers 7.15 On Your
Farm 7.30 News 7.40 Sunday
7.55 Weather 8.00 News 8.10
Sunday Papers 8.30 News
8.50 Terry Wogan speaks for
the Week's Good Cause: the
BBC's Children in Need'
Appeal 8.58 Weather 9.00
News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by
Alistair Coole
9.30 Morning Service
10.00 News 10.15 The Archers
Omnibus edition (s)
11.00 News 11.15 News Stand with
Louise Levene (s)

Louise Levene (s) 11.30 Pick of the Week with Chris

Serie (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Dises:
Conductor John Elict Gardinet

Conductor John Extr Gardner chooses his records to take to the island 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World This Weeksand with Nick Clarke 1.55 Shipping

2.00 Newes; Gerdeners' Question Time, from Oxfordshire, with Stefan Buczack, Fred Downham, Sue Phillips and Clay long.

Cley Jones

2.30 Sunday Playhouse: Mickey
Just Smiles by Mark Power.
Insurance assessment is what
Mickey does for a living.
Taking risks in his own life is
what he does for fun (s) (r)

3.00 The Barlio Programme:

3.30 The Radio Programme:
Laute Taylor looks at traffic
information on the radio
4.00 News; Analysis: Through the
Roof? Devid Taylor looks at

the trousing market (f)

4.47 Treasure latends: Bel Mooney and Danny Baker pick the best books for Christmas

5.00 Kennedy Country: Ludovic Kannedy explores Ayristing, the Septime Konnether and the

"fighting Kennedys" and the writing of Burns and Boswell

works with an actor exploring the different ways that postry by Gerard Manley Hopkins and Isaac Rosenberg can be read (s) 5.50 Shipping 5.55

5.30 Poetry Please! A director

(4725551) 2.55 Warner Cartoon (5717860) 3.05 Film: Demetrius and the Gediators (51446446) 5.00 Animal Country (5321) 5.30 Bulliavy (590) 6.00-5.30 Catendar (803) 11.45 Film: Night of Terror (652464) 1.05am Quz Night (8712149) 1.35 Pick of the Week (4793033) 2.05 Karm Shoomi (5667052) 2.35 Zara Diryan Den (5591439) 2.40 Film: Swarg (87530385) 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder (8665149)

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8.30 Reading Aloud Low Life by Jeffrey Bernard. From the columns of The Spectator, the paunchy underbelly of Soho life seen through the redrimmed eyes of Jeffrey Bernard and read by his brother. Offer

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Havens of hedonism

Nigella Lawson casts a critical eye over the insulated worlds

of Harold Pinter's Party Time and Hello! magazine



"IS IT silly to say I feel proud?" asks a character in Harold Pinter's Party Time, which had its television premiere on Channel 4 on Tuesday. "I mean to be

part of the society of beautifully dressed people. God, I don't know: elegance, style, grace, taste. Don't these words, these concepts, mean anything any more? I'm not alone, am I, in thinking them incredibly important?"

No, she is not alone. There are half a million like her who buy Hello! magazine every week. And that's more, as Hello, Hello, the first of Channel 4's new business series, High Interest, informed us last Sunday, than the combined monthly circulations of Vogue, Tatler and Harpers & Queen.

As recession deepens, Hellor's circulation figures climb. Outside its pages may be unemployment, poverty, crime and punishment, just as outside Pinter's party there are the overhead helicopters, the road blockages and round-ups, while inside the magazine, at the party, all is wealth and comfort, expensive swimming and tennis

clubs, idyllic island retreats.

To think of it all as innocent escapism is to miss the point of Hello! and the reason for its success: it is an adept averting of the gaze - from ugliness, nastiness, anything that rots the expensive fabric of a society that wishes to

be beyond criticism. "They don't try to put the person down, to be too critical," Ivana Trump explained to the Channel 4 team. "I know there's going to be a tremendous amount of accuracy," Stephanie Powers confided cuphemistically. Or, as Ian Hislop, editor of Private Eye, a magazine which is the very antithesis of Hello!, put it: "No one has ever, ever been that unquestioning to celebrity fame and power."

TV REVIEW

Hello! is the sister magazine of iHola!, which has been in continuous publication, from Eduardo Sanches Junco's family apartment in Madrid, since 1944. And like Pinter's party guests, it has flour-ished happily, blithely, through dictatorship. It breezed through the totalitarian regime under Franco. "There was press censorship, no freedom. But it didn't affect iHola!," said Alfonso Ussia, a Spanish journalist. "How can you censor ideas in a magazine that

doesn't have any?"
iHola! and Hello! don't have ideas: they have friends; friends who are royal, friends who are arms dealers, friends who are stars. Our own Princess of Wales is the most recurring figure in their pages, along with Adnan Kashoggi

and Elizabeth Taylor. Two months after Robert Maxwell's death, when the financial scandals revealed by his demise were still erupting, Hello! paid a visit to "Betty Maxwell's French Retreat". No hard questions asked. just nice pictures of soft furnishings. "There is", or so the editorial line goes, "no point in embarrass-

The linchpin of the exercise is the

Marquesa de Varela, a woman who, according to Nigel Dempster, the Daily Mail gossip columnist. goes around the world with a Louis Vuitton bag stuffed with cash. These interviews do not come cheap: Elizabeth Taylor was paid £100,000 for the exclusive coverage of her seventh wedding, with funds going to charity, naturally. The marquesa, an elusive figure ("I think I'm not going to answer questions about the marquesa," came the coy stonewalling from the Hello! offices) is the one who woos the big names and wins their confidence. The Daily Mail, apparently, tried to track her down for

two years without success. It was High Interest's coup to have got her, extracting the first interview she has ever given.

The Louis Vuitton cash-stash was pooh-poohed: "I never wear Vuitton all my life": evidently the allegation was as wounding on sartorial as on ethical grounds. But she amiably enough divulged to the camera her tricks: "One of my weapons is that they can trust me, trust us . . . I am", she reiterated, "a close friend of many of these people. I was married to a marqués

and enjoyed a high social life."

The marquesa planned to show us how a Hello! interview was done. In a Shaw Taylor-like reconstruction of a crime, we swept up in a taxi with her to the luxy Lanesborough hotel, Hyde Park Corner, to see Ivana Trump. "I am an old friend of Ivana and Ivana's friends," she reminded us. "First of all I will remind her where we met so she will realise we have a lot of friends in common and feel more relaxed." Oh, that sort of old

Ivana, suitably relaxed, posed for photographs and answered probing questions such as: "Ivana, what

is your ideal city to live?" This intimate reunion between old friends had to be fitted into the half-hour Ivana had available, even though, of course, something a little more intensive and extensive would seem to emerge, ultimately, on the page. No problem for the marquesa - or for Ivana: "She's thin, she's successful and she's

happy, so it's an easy one."

"A breathe [sic] of fresh air who comes into your hands once a week" is the marquesa's description of Hellol. "Easy reading and beautiful photos, with a lot of morality and integrity." But the real breath of tresh air was provided by this documentary film, which brought to its subject the techniques of investigative journalism and solid enquiry the magazine so



Adeptly avoiding the world outside: Nicola Pagett (Charlotte), Roger Lloyd Pack (Fred) and Barry Foster (Gavin) in Harold Pinter's Party Time

pointedly lacks. And, rare for a business programme of this sort, the graphics were a real aid to

understanding.
The exclusive swimming and tennis club about which Pinter's party guests rhapsodise shares Hello!'s sense of morality and integrity. Helicopters are heard chuntering threateningly across the sky, but in the room the talk is of the club. It's beautiful. It's got everything ... hot towels, gold-plated service, luxury. More, as Lady Melissa (Dorothy Tutin) informs us as she "subscribes wholeheartedly" to the en-comium the club has been so glitteringly given, "it is based on a moral foundation". The moral, one deduces, is to wrap oneself up in one of the club's hot towels, not to look outside in the street, not to notice what might be going on out-side or to ask, as Dusty (Cordelia Roche) does: "What's happened to limmy?" as, like a chorus repeated throughout the play, she tries to find out what has become of her brother, one of those, we infer, who has been rounded up.

But that is not on the agenda. And she, anyway, her bullish, yob-bish husband informs her, doesn't have an agenda. "You just have to shut up and mind your own business." All she is required to do is tell everyone about the club. She does:

it's beautiful. It's got everything." Party Time's transfer from the Almeida theatre to the screen is a successful one. An insistent use of close-up gives the menacing sense of being pulled in by the scruff of the neck. For this production, Pin-

ter wrote in extra characters, and the running time is a little longer than it was on stage. And under his direction — deliberate, stylised, muscularly tight, almost choreographed - the play seemed to take shape like a series of formal dances.

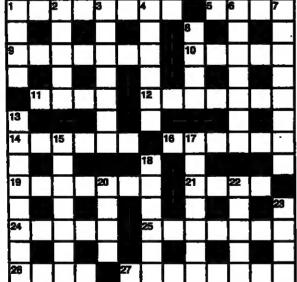
Pagett and Roger Lloyd Pack) perform their pas de deux with brittle wit as she asks: "What's your regime?", and he enquires after the death of her husband. Barry Foster. as Gavin the host, brings the steelsouled affability of a benign Roman dictator to the part. "We want peace," he informs his guests. We want peace and we are going to get it. But we want that peace to be cast-iron - no leaks, no drafts, tight as a drum. Like this ... " and

Charlotte and Fred (Nicola

The dialogue is Pinter at his most staccato, but also lyrical. The characteristic repetitions, the reiterated banalities, give the actors' speech the sense of a prose rondeau.

The trouble in the streets is alluded to only foggedly. There is mention of traffic problems, of roadblocks, of a round-up. Under this shadow it is tempting to interpret the party's conversation piece — the dub, "our dub" - as a metaphor for some band of power-brokers. the Establishment. But what singularly comes across is the literalness of this club. It is the epitome of the values and virtues of the bourgeoisie here assembled, a haven of narcissism and luxurious hedonism. Whatever else is going on outside in the world, it pampers, comforts and insulates. Rather like Hello!

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WINNING MOVE By RAYMOND KEENE, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Camacho - Ruiz, Cuba 1992. White is a piece down, and if he recaptures on \$3, then his knight on e6 will be loose. However, he has a crushing move to hand. Can you see it?

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Finally (6)

Solution to last Saturday's competition: I Qg8+. The winners are: C.W. Stunt, Sherborne: M.J. Paul, Worcester Park: P.J. Dillon.

WORD WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

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b. A slash Answers on page 13 c. Heraldie purple

CYPRIAN a. Lewd or wanton b. A surf-boarder c. Flavoured with pine resin

GALIMATIAS

a. The crest of a helmet b. Gibberish c. Cold meats in aspic

 Performance: A Doil's House (today, BBC2, 9.25pm) In his television début, David

Thacker, of the Young Vic, directs Ibsen's excoriating drama of a wife who resists the role a meretricious and narrow-minded society foists on her. Juliet Stevenson plays Nora, and Trevor Eve her constricting husband.

Geraldine James, Patrick Malahide and David Calder provide back-up.

• Funny Business (Sunday, BBC2, 8.05pm) Rowan Atkinson kicks off this six-

part investigation into the art of comedy with a look at mime and humour. Buster Keaton,

TV PREVIEW

Jacques Tati and John Cleese are among those disporting themselves.

 Catholics and Sex (Monday, Channel 4, 1 i pm) In the first of a four-part series, Kate

Saunders, the columnist and author, and Peter Stanford, a former editor of the Catholic Herald, enquire into the nature of Catholic guilt and confusion about sexuality, both theory and practice. Tonight's programme focuses on the priesthood, celibacy and the church's teachings on sexual behaviour.

 The Feast of Christmas (Tuesday, Channel Four, 8.30pm) The suitably rotund Paul Levy unravels the gastronomic traditions of Christmas with Frances Bissell, the Times cook, food writer Claudia

Roden and chef Raymond Blanc.

MADRID

A head full of voices, songs of fear

he premise runs that no band can be truly great without an amazing vo-calist. It's all very well having industrial-strength tunes (yaawn) and the kind of hythm that forces concrete blocks to shake their funky thangs (boooring) - if it ain't got steel lungs and a honey throat shoving it up the top 20, then the future of the band includes mini-cabbing and a great deal of part-time bar work.

The premise is proven by, among others, the impossibly great Throwing Muses — sweetly ticklish Kristin Hersh's band. Hersh's vocals are full-on; frightening; beautiful; her wits" end banshee wail is full of gun-smoke and robbed

sleep.
"I was so scared of my voice," the diminutive Hersh says, curled up on a very uncomfortable wooden chair. "Even now, sometimes. But not as much as, uh, before."

"Before" is when all the unpleasant stuff happened. In places, Hersh's history is as bleak and black as her lyrics. Having been heaped with roses and soaring superlatives for several frankly amazing albums — House Tornado/ Fat Skier, Real Ramona and Red Heaven are mentioned in particular, hoping that y'all will wander on down to HMV and invest your cash wisely --Throwing Muses, along with The Pixies, were regularly hailed as Boston's greatest contribution to the world

since Cheers. Then, in 1991, Hersh peeled herself apart in a Melody Maker interview, and disclosed that she had been suffering from "bi-polarity" -voices in her head telling her what to do. Her "muses" - the entities that "gave" her her songs - were ripping her apart. "I was really embarrassed that I was crazy," she said. "I'd have seizures, knock teeth out, talk in these other voices..." She split in two --"Good Kristin" and "Bad Kristin"; mentally dividing herself up to protect the baby with which she was pregnant at the time. "My voice feit so big and dangerous," she says, "I was horrified to think that this voice was in there with the

Hersh lost a custody battle. so baby Dylan now lives with her ex, and cannot be taken out of his home state. At the



The Throwing Muses: "My voice felt so big and dangerous," says singer Kristin Hersh

Caitlin Moran on the 'muses' that once sent a brilliant singer crazy

same time she was fighting for her baby. Hersh split acrimoniously with her manager, and recorded her fifth LP - Real

Ramona. "Hook In Her Head" from Real Ramona gives vent on how she feit about her

career at the time "Rip it up, down/make it big, keep it clean/shake it up. Take it home/do it good/keep it up. Well honey it's a drag but if you don't, watch them go. I guess I'll have to unhook these hooks/This woman literally/ felt she had a hook in her head. I'm sooo, bone, tired." In muso-jargon, the hookline or hook is the part of the song that snags people's attention. This double-meaning, the weary fear in Hersh's voice, the terrifying tumble of guitars and thud-bang-doom drums

are all, very... Just, Very. She

said in interview recently: "I don't have any driving ambition to be famous myself: but I think the songs would eat me alive if I didn't let them go."
Now, though, things are better.

are invariably filled with psy-chotic waltzes, hate, fear,

grace, bewilderment, beau-

ty... Curse, the Muses' live

album out now on 4AD, is no

different. Hersh's voice trawls

through disgust, alternately growling and soaring on "Fu-

rious"; and shivers through

"Pearl", a very scary song in a

whole set of Scary Songs. It

tiptoes along, just Hersh and a

mute acoustic, before suddenly

being pounced on and con-

sumed utterly by a big, raw,

and a very loud guitar be-

tween her and an audience.
Hersh's body is taken over by
her songs. Her left leg twists
painfully around her neck

weaves from side to side, like a

cobra being hypnotised. Her

friendly eyes turn blue-white.

"I get really upset, I can, uh,

feel that I'm freaking the

audience out, because of how I

look. The worst thing would be if they thought that I was

doing it on purpose, to look

fond of beauty, or music, or

both together, then Curse is

£7.99 and bloody essential.

If you've ever been remotely

possessed or something."

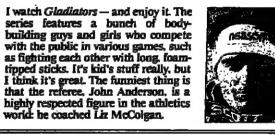
With a spotlight in her eves

brutal chorus.

has Hersh another baby, Ryder - "It sounds strange to say that, yknow, 'I've got another baby,' but it's like, I don't have empty arms any more. I've got something there." Ryder's father, Billy O'Connell, also manages the band, and is fiercely protective of his wife. And while Hersh still seems vaguely uncomfortable with whatever it is that gives her her songs, she feels that "all my catastrophes have been exorcised. I feel I have a very

normal life now." Throwing Muses albums I think it's great. The funniest thing is that the referee, John Anderson, is a highly respected figure in the athletics world: he coached Liz McColgan.

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